

- 5. Marguerite Nellie Watson (b.3 Oct 1897)  
sp: Paul J. Elder  
sp: Louie N. Bacon  
sp: William Stephenson
- 5. Robert Brooks Watson (b.8 Aug 1899;d.Nov 1907)
- 5. Thelma Blanche Watson (b.28 Jul 1902;d.1989)  
sp: Waldon L. Nicewarner (b.7 Oct 1899;d.Sep 1977-,WV)  
sp: William Crockett
- 5. John Allen Watson (b.10 Jun 1905)  
sp: Lorretta Gumpert
- 5. Florence Townsend Watson (b.3 Feb 1910)  
sp: Lawrence Coyle (m.27 Aug 1932)  
sp: Llewellyn Shelly (m.22 Jan 1966)
- 4. John (twin) Townsend (b.11 Oct 1872;d.11 Oct 1872)
- 4. James (twin) Townsend (b.11 Oct 1872;d.11 Oct 1872)
- 4. Charles I. Townsend (b.19 Apr 1874;d.28 Feb 1946)  
sp: Belle Bender (m.1898)
- 5. John Townsend (b.Feb 1899)  
sp: Rose
- 5. Robert Charles Townsend  
sp: Esther Fiesel
- 5. Jessie Townsend
- 5. Ruth Townsend  
sp: Ernie Hamrick
- 5. Harry Townsend  
sp: Carrie Miller
- 5. Marion Townsend  
sp: Rose
- 5. Emma Townsend  
sp: UNKNOWN
- 3. Charles W. Townsend (b.Abt 1830-,VA)  
sp: Frances Tremble
- 4. Alonzo Townsend
- 4. Charles Townsend
- 4. William Townsend
- 2. Mary Townsend (b.18 May 1807-,VA;d.4 Mar 1850-prob.,Highland,VA)  
sp: William Ervin (b.18 May 1807-,Rockingham,VA;  
m.18 Jan 1827;d.12 Oct 1883-poss.,Gilmer,WV)
- 3. Catherine Ervin (b.18 Feb 1828-,Bath,VA;d.11 May 1880)  
sp: Adam Blrd (m.11 May 1880)
- 3. Benjamin Ervin (b.2 Jul 1831-,Bath,VA)
- 3. Harriet Ervin (b.12 Jul 1834-,Bath,VA)  
sp: William Townsend (b.Abt 1834-,Bath,VA)
- 4. Matilda Townsend (b.Abt 1854-, (W.) VA)
- 4. Edward Townsend (b.Abt 1859-,IA)
- 4. Elsie Townsend (b.Abt 1862-,IA)
- 4. Charles Townsend (b.Abt 1864-,IA)
- 4. Rilda Townsend (b.Abt 1868-,IA)
- 4. Newton Townsend (b.Abt 1870-,KS)
- 4. Frank Townsend (b.Abt 1872-,KS)
- 4. George Townsend (b.Abt 1875-,IA)
- 3. William M. Ervin (b.31 Dec 1836-,Bath,VA)  
sp: Nancy Curry (m.26 Feb 1855)
- 3. Thomas C. Ervin (b.30 May 1840-,Bath,VA;d.8 Feb 1869)  
sp: Martha Garrett (m.10 Oct 1865)
- 3. Mary Jane Matilda Ervin (b.18 Dec 1843-,Bath,VA;d.14 Mar 1916)  
sp: Stephanus Santiana Stout (b.Abt 1847-, (W.) VA;m.3 Oct 1866)
- 4. Irene A. Stout (b.Abt 1868-,Gilmer,WV)
- 4. Helen V. Stout (b.Abt 1869-,Gilmer,WV)
- 3. Sarah Ann Ervin (b.1 Oct 1847-,Bath,VA)

3. Elizabeth Eleanor Ervin (b.18 Jul 1849-, Highland, VA)  
sp: Henry Horatio Hito (m.9 Dec 1869)
2. Sarah Townsend (b.Abt 1813-,VA)  
sp: Thomas J. Rider (b.Abt 1812-,VA;m.17 Dec 1833;  
d.2 Feb 1880-Dorr Twp,McHenry,IL)
3. Mary Jane Rider (b.Abt 1832-,VA)  
sp: Silas R. Baker (m.26 Dec 1852)
3. Azariah Rider (b.Abt 1836-,VA)  
sp: Mary Jane Jacobs (m.8 Mar 1860)
3. James H. Rider (b.Abt 1838-,VA)  
sp: Harriet Jacobs (m.7 Jun 1861)
3. Elizabeth Ann Rider (b.1839/1841-,VA;  
d.15 Jun 1929-Woodstock,McHenry,IL)  
sp: William H. Sherman (b.1836/1839-,NY;m.4 Nov 1858)
4. Eathor Sherman (b.Abt 1860-,IL)
4. Charles Sherman (b.Abt 1866-,IL)
4. Willard Sherman (b.1876-Woodstock,McHenry,IL;  
d.Feb 1970-Woodstock,McHenry,IL)  
sp: Mary (b.1876;d.28 Feb 1939-Woodstock,McHenry,IL)
5. Wilton Shorman
5. Paul Sherman
5. Esthar Shorman (b.1906;d.1909-Woodstock,McHenry,IL)
3. Dianna Ridor (b.Abt 1842-,VA)  
sp: John Farrall (m.7 Aug 1862)
3. Sarah Virginia Ridor (b.Abt 1844-,VA)  
sp: Smith
3. John Rider (b.Abt 1847-,VA)
3. William Morgan Ryder (b.Abt 1850-,McHenry,IL)
3. Thomas J. Rydor (b.Abt 1854-,McHenry,IL)  
sp: Lucy A. (b.Abt 1860-,MO;m.1880)
3. Susan E. Rydor (b.1857;d.1894)  
sp: Hall
2. Thomas S. Townsend (b.1812/1814-,VA;d.3 Aug 1874-Marion Co.,OR)  
sp: Rebecca Callihan (b.1822/1825-,VA;m.13 Jan 1842;  
d.17 Jun 1902-Marion Co.,OR)
3. Mary Ellen Townsend (b.Abt 1843-,8ath,VA)  
sp: James H. Wanloas (m.18 Mar 1858)
4. Daley Wanloas
4. Alice Wanloas
3. Charlotta Jana Townsend (b.Dec 1847-McHenry,IL;  
d.21 Jan 1907-Marion Co.,OR)  
sp: Orlan Stotlor (d.Bef 18 Jul 1900)
4. Martin Stotlor (b.Abt 1869-OR)
4. Elmer Stotlor (b.14 May 1873/1878-Sublimity,Salem Co.,OR;  
d.12 Jul 1953-Salem,Marion Co.,OR)
4. Ida M. Stotlor (b.Abt 1875-OR)
4. Georgie Stotlar (b.Dec 1882-Marion Co,OR)
4. Walter Stotlar (b.Aug 1886-Marion Co.,OR;  
d.8 Mar 1946-Salem,Marion Co.,OR)  
sp: Rachael
5. Stotlor
- sp: Roy Helsha
3. Harriet Townsend (b.Abt 1849-,IL)
3. George M. Townsend (b.1852-,McHenry,IL)
3. Carolina Matilda Townsend (b.Mar 1853-,McHenry,IL;  
d.11 Mar 1923-Marion Co.,OR)  
sp: Richard Swarts (b.12 Aug 1841/1842-PA;  
d.13 Aug 1923-Marion Co.,OR)
4. Simon Swarts
4. Ralph Swarts (b.Sep 1880-OR)

- 4. Frank Swarts (b.Mar 1886-OR)
- 4. Belle Swarta (b.Jun 1888-OR)  
sp: Goodrich
- 4. Arthur Swarts (b.Jul 1890-OR)
- 4. Gracie Swarts (b.Apr 1893-OR)  
sp: O'Neil
- 4. Eeter Swarta (b.Nov 1895-OR)
- 3. Laura Townaend (b.1856-, Winneshiek, IA)  
sp: A. C. Swarts
- 3. Jamea M. Townaend (b.Mar 1855-, Winneshiek, IA)  
sp: Clore E. Powell (m.19 Oct 1883)
- 4. Eugene Townaend (b.Feb 1883-OR)
- 4. LRoy Townsends (b.Apr 1885-OR)
- 4. Homer Townsend (b.Oct 1885-OR)
- 4. Isaac Townaend (b.Apr 1889-OR)
- 4. Mabel Townsend (b.Apr 1891-OR)
- 4. Ethel Townaend (b.Oct 1892-OR)
- 4. Mildred Townsend (b.May 1896-OR)
- 4. Earl Towneend (b.Jun 1899-OR)
- 3. Alice Townaend (b.1859-, Winneahlek, IA)
- 3. Thomea Jefferson Townsend (b.15 May 1862-, Winneshiek, IA;  
d.2 Feb 1933-Aurora, OR)  
sp: Matilda Adams (m.3 Dec 1884)
- 2. William Townsend (b.Abt 1818-, Bath, VA; d.1852)  
sp: Christana Towneend (b.Abt 1820-, Bath, VA; m.17 Oct 1844)
- 3. James Stuart Townsend (b.1845-, Bath, VA; d.1909-Russell, Lucas, IA)  
sp: Martha Florence McCarty (m.27 Jan 1878; d.27 Nov 1883)
- 4. Gertie Townaend  
sp: Rebecca Jane King (m.8 Oct 1885)
- 3. Henry Newton Townaend (b.Abt 1847-, Bath, VA; d.13 Aug 1918-, IA)  
sp: Minerva E. Clemmens (b.Abt 1850-, IN; m.25 Dec 1870)
- 4. Gertie L. Townsend (b.Abt 1875-, IA)
- 4. Fleety Townsend (b.Abt 1878-, IA)
- 3. William Taylor Townsend (b.Abt 1849-, Highland, VA)
- 3. Sophia Townsend

## Descendants of James Trimble

•NOTE: This information is not from Oren F. Morton's book. Instead, it was submitted by Lori Samples, whose email address is [goseamer@tir.com](mailto:goseamer@tir.com) and whose homepage is at <http://www.geocities.com/Nashville/2453>

- 1 James Trimble b: 1760 in Edinburgh, Scotland d: 1824 in Highland Co., VA
- Susannah Sheinaberger m: 1785
- ..... 2 Margaret Trimble b: in Highland Co., VA
- ..... •Jamea Benson
- ..... 2 William Trimble b: in Highland Co., VA
- ..... 2 Nancy Trimble b: Mar 14, 1765 Straight Creek, Highland Co., VA  
d: Dec 11, 1828
- ..... •John Samples b: Sept 09, 1785 bath co., VA  
m: Sept 26, 1805 rocky mount, franklin co., VA d: Jan 27, 1874
- ..... 3 Susannah Samples b: Dec 22, 1805 in pendleton co., VA  
d: Oct 10, 1852
- ..... •Sam Ruckman m: Nov 01, 1840
- ..... 3 Agnes Samples b: Nov 16, 1807 in pendleton co., VA  
d: Sept 03, 1808
- ..... 3 Elizabeth M. Samples b: July 04, 1809 in pendleton co., VA
- ..... •William G. Trimble m: Jan 02, 1838

o Uncle Kraker  
"Follow Me"  
Song

Ezekiel Townsend

1. John - 3 children

2. Ezekiel - 3

\*3. James - 2

4. Taylor - 2

5. Mary - 8

6. Sarah - 10

7. Thomas - 9

8. William 4

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- 2 Virginia E. C. TOWNSEND b: 1861
  - 3 Roy BEVERAGE b: 27 FEB 1879 d: 21 FEB 1879
  - 3 Charles Albert BEVERAGE b: 13 JUN 1881 d: 15 JUN 1881
  - 3 Lucy Francis BEVERAGE b: 20 JUL 1882 d: 20 OCT 1969
  - 3 George Anos BEVERAGE b: 1 MAY 1885 d: 2 MAY 1926
  - 3 Howard Wado BEVERAGE b: 13 JAN 1888 d: 15 FEB 1953
  - 3 Rosa Edith BEVERAGE b: 28 MAY 1890 d: 19 JAN 1985
  - 3 William Frank BEVERAGE b: 22 SEP 1892 d: 21 JUL 1984
  - 3 Lawrence Noil BEVERAGE b: 31 AUG 1895 d: 1 OCT 1976
  - 3 Daisy Ann BEVERAGE b: 9 MAR 1899 d: 21 OCT 1985
  - 3 Bertie Alice BEVERAGE b: 6 AUG 1903 d: 12 APR 1988
- \* Hannah E. BARNETT b: Abt 1839
  - 2 Perry M. B. TOWNSEND b: 1864 d: 4 MAR 1951
  - 2 Sarah E. B. Sampson TOWNSEND b: 8 MAY 1865
  - 2 James A. E. TOWNSEND b: Abt 1866
  - 2 N. D. TOWNSEND b: 28 OCT 1869
  - 2 Thomas A. TOWNSEND b: Abt 1870
  - 2 Jacob S. G. TOWNSEND b: 31 AUG 1878/1879
  - 3 Ramon Howard TOWNSEND b: 1909
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## TOWNSEND FAMILY HISTORY

Ezekiel Townsend was a English emigrant. Not much is known about him as of now. He settled on Little Back Creek, north Bath County line about 1780, according to History of Highland County.

his children:

1. Ezekiel Townsend, Jr. - married 1806 to Hannah Frances McAvoy
2. Taylor Townsend - married in 1810 to Elizabeth McAvoy
3. William Townsend - married 5 May 1814 to Sophia Potts
4. James Townsend, Sr. - born 1803, died between 1872 and 1880, married to Rosanna McAvoy, daughter of Robert McAvoy and Sarah Burns.  
It is not known when James and his wife came to Pocahontas County. They were our \_\_\_\_\_ great grandparents.  
See Burns & McAvoy family history

1. James Townsend, Jr. - born  
married May 1853 to Elizabeth McLaughlin
  1. Mary E. Townsend - born 1854
  2. Jacob R. Townsend - born 1856
  3. Robert H. W. Townsend - born 1859

2. Alcy Townsend - born  
married to John Collins

3. Sarah C. Townsend - born  
married 17 May 1853 to William Curry

- \* \* \*
4. William Taylor Townsend - born 1835, died 3 Oct. 1887, at Edray of Inflammatory, (his death record said age 55). I believe he is buried in Beverage Cemetery at head of Stony Creek.
    1. Served in Civil War. Private, Company G, (they were called Pocahontas County Riflemen).
    2. Enlisted Allegheny June 9, 1862 for three years under Officer Artogast.
    3. listed MIA after Fort Republic, 8 & 9 1862.
    4. Absent sick in hospital November 8, 1862.
    5. Paid \$142.46 by 'G.O. Spurrier (not 31st Regiment) for clothes and bounty for period March 28 - November 6, 1862

married twice:

#1 - Mary Beverage, daughter of  
they had one daughter

1. Virginia E. C. Townsend - born \_\_\_\_\_ died \_\_\_\_\_  
married \_\_\_\_\_ Uriah Beverage

#2 - Hannah Barnett, born 1839, died \_\_\_\_\_  
Daughter of Zachariah Barnett and Eleanor Brown.  
See Barnett and Brown family history

children of William and Hannah:

1. Perry Townsend - born 1864, died  
married Ruena Hill
  1. Pearl Townsend - born \_\_\_\_\_ at Lebelia.  
died 11 Nov. 1932, Hamilton, Ohio  
married 1920 to Jack Armstrong, died 1954.  
Both buried Greenwood Cem., Hamilton, Ohio
    1. Luke Armstrong
    2. Regina Armstrong
    3. Leon Armstrong
  2. Owen Townsend - born \_\_\_\_\_  
lived in Springfield, Ohio
  3. James Townsend - born \_\_\_\_\_ died \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Bessie Townsend - born \_\_\_\_\_ died \_\_\_\_\_  
married a Mr. Ramsey
- \* \* 2. Sallie E. F. Townsend - born 8 May 1865,  
died 9 July 1917, buried Stony Bottom Cem.,  
married 6 Jan. 1897 to John Andrew William McLaughlin  
They were our \_\_\_\_\_ great grandparents.  
See McLaughlin family history for their children.
3. James A. E. Townsend - born 1866
4. Thomas A. Townsend - born 28 Oct. 1869
5. Jacob S. B. Townsend - born 31 Aug. 1870,  
died 23 Mar. 1831, buried in Cochran Cem  
married twice:  
#1 - 4 June 1902 to Maggie A. Jack  
#2 - 18 June 1905 to Rosa L. Jack

Jacob first owned the property that George Preston  
Moore later owned.



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**Husband's Name**

Daniel WADDELL (AFN:LTS1-T8)

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Born: Abt 1691 Place: &lt;New Monkland Par, Lanark, Scotland&gt;

Married: Aug 1726 Place: New Monkland Par, Lanark, Scotland

Father:

Mother:

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**Wife's Name**

Janet WADDELL (AFN:LTS1-VF)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: Abt 1695 Place: &lt;New Monkland Par, Lanark, Scotland&gt;

Married: Aug 1726 Place: New Monkland Par, Lanark, Scotland

Father:

Mother:

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**Children****1. Sex Name**

F Jean WADDELL (AFN:LTS1-WL)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 1717 Place:

Christened: 24 Jul 1717 Place: Ruchsoils, Lanark, Scotland

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**2. Sex Name**

F Agnes WADDELL (AFN:LTS1-XR)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 1728 Place: &lt;Ruchsoils, Lanark, Scotland&gt;

Christened: 15 Dec 1728 Place:

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**3. Sex Name**

M William WADDELL (AFN:TCCT-P8)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: Abt 1730 Place: &lt;Glasgow, , Scotland&gt;

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**4. Sex Name**

F Jean WADDELL (AFN:LTS2-03)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 1733 Place:

Christened: 18 Feb 1733 Place: Mains, Lanark, Scotland

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**5. Sex Name**

M Alexander WADDELL (AFN:HNM2-C1)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 2 Sep 1734 Place: Glasgow, , Scotland

Christened: 3 Jan 1731 Place: Mains, Lanark, Scotland

Died: 8 Sep 1836 Place: , Gall, Ohio

Buried: Sep 1836 Place: Hulbert Corn, Gallia Co, Oh

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**6. Sex Name**

M Matthew WADDELL (AFN:TCCT-RL)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: Abt 1764 Place: , , Scotland

Died: Place: , Gallia, Oh

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## Husband's Name

Alexander WADDELL (AFN HNM2-C1)

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**Born:** 2 Sep 1734 **Place:** Glasgow, , Scotland  
**Christened:** 3 Jan 1731 **Place:** Mains, Lanark, Scotland  
**Died:** 8 Sep 1836 **Place:** , Gall, Ohio  
**Buried:** Sep 1836 **Place:** Hulbert Cem, Gallia Co, Oh  
**Married:** 1770 **Place:** Shenandoah, Virginia

**Father:** Daniel WADDELL (AFN.LTS1-T8)

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**Mother:** Janet WADDELL (AFN.LTS1-VF)

## Wife's Name

Eleanor RAUSCH (AFN 2SV5-79)

[Pedigree](#)

**Born:** 1751 **Place:** Shenandoah, Shenandoah, Virginia  
**Died:** 27 Oct 1827 **Place:** , Gallia, Ohio  
**Buried:** **Place:** Hulbert Cem, Gallia Co, Oh  
**Married:** 1770 **Place:** Shenandoah, Virginia

**Father:** Johannes Adam ROUSH (AFN 2SV2-P0)

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**Mother:** Susannah SCHLERN (AFN 2SV2-OG)

## Children

### 1. Sex Name

M William WADDELL (AFN HNM2-FC)

[Pedigree](#)

**Born:** 7 Feb 1773 **Place:** , Pocahontas, West Virginia  
**Died:** 1 Jan 1859 **Place:** , Gallia, Oh  
**Buried:** **Place:** Mt. Zion Cem, Green Twp, Gallia, Oh

### 2. Sex Name

M James WADDELL (AFN HNM2-GJ)

[Pedigree](#)

**Born:** 7 Dec 1774 **Place:** , Pocahontas, West Virginia  
**Died:** 24 Nov 1848 **Place:** , Gallia Co, Oh  
**Buried:** **Place:** Hulbert Cem, Gallia Co, Oh

### 3. Sex Name

M John WADDELL (AFN HNM2-04)

[Pedigree](#)

**Born:** 17 Dec 1776 **Place:** , Pocahontas, West Virginia  
**Died:** 25 May 1841 **Place:** , Gallia Co, Oh  
**Buried:** **Place:** Hulbert Cem, Gallia, Oh

### 4. Sex Name

F Elizabeth WADDELL (AFN.LTS4-1J)

[Pedigree](#)

**Born:** Ca 1780 **Place:** , Pocahontas, Virginia  
**Died:** 6 Jul 1838 **Place:** Fairview, Pocahontas, West Virginia  
**Buried:** Jul 1838 **Place:** Fairview, Pocahontas, West Virginia

### 5. Sex Name

M Alexander Jr WADDELL (AFN:HNM2-HP)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 8 Jun 1788 Place: , Pocahontas, West Virginia  
Died: 13 Nov 1847 Place:

6. Sex Name

M Joseph WADDELL (AFN HNM2-K2)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 1789 Place: , Pocahontas, Va

7. Sex Name

F Martha WADDELL (AFN HNM2-L7)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 12 Jan 1790 Place: , Pocahontas, Va  
Died: 7 Oct 1872 Place: , Bath Co, Va

8. Sex Name

F Minam WADDELL (AFN HNM2-JV)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 24 Apr 1791 Place: , Pocahontas, West Virginia  
Died: 31 Jan 1868 Place: , Bath, Va

9. Sex Name

F Elizabeth WADDELL (AFN HNM2-MD)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 1792 Place: Edray, Bath, Virginia  
Died: Place: , Pocahontas, Va

10. Sex Name

F Ann WADDELL (AFN HNM2-NK)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 1793 Place: , Pocahontas, Va  
Died: Place: , Pocahontas, Va

11. Sex Name

F Mary Ann WADDELL (AFN HNM2-PQ)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: 1794 Place: , Pocahontas, Va  
Died: Place: , Gallia, Oh

12. Sex Name

F Jeanne WADDELL (AFN HNM2-QW)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: Abt. 1803 Place: , Pocahontas, Va

13. Sex Name

F Isabella WADDELL (AFN HNM2-R3)

[Pedigree](#)

Born: Abt. 1805 Place: , Pocahontas, Va

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## WADDELL FAMILY HISTORY

One of the pioneers of our county from whom quite a number of our people trace their descent was Alexander Waddell. Alexander Waddell was born in or near Glasgow, Scotland, in the month of February, 1732. We know little of the details of his early life, but we know that there were at least two other brothers, an elder brother, William and a younger brother Matthew. The Waddells were said to be prosperous weavers of that vicinity.

Little is known of Alexander from the time of his arrival at the age of 24 years until the time of his marriage in 1771 fifteen years later. His service in the various French and Indian Wars which were waged during this period might well account for the absence of detailed records. Undoubtedly he soon found his way to the frontier where other Scotsmen were going and probably was frequently in and around the small settlement of Staunton in Augusta County, Virginia, where other Waddells were related but the relationship to Alexander Waddell is unknown at this time.

In the year 1771 we can imagine the household of John Adam Rousch welcoming Alexander Waddell to their home in the Mill Creek Valley near Mt. Jackson, Virginia. They had not seen him for over a year and his news of the other settlements was warmly welcomed while the women of the house made haste to prepare the flaxen thread that the expert weaver would transform into beautiful linen. Probably the most excited was 19 year old Eleanor Rousch who had met the mature Alexander Waddell on previous visits, then 39 years old and in the prime of life. We do not know the exact day of their marriage. Their granddaughter said it was in 1771 or 1772. It is possible that was as early as 1770. In any event about 1771 this newly married couple left the comparative safety of the Shenandoah Valley and settled in the heart of the Allegheny Mountains on the very edge of the frontier. The site of his home which was only to be moved a short distance a few years later to gain the height of Buckeye Mountain was in Pocahontas County, along the Greenbrier River, just south of Marlinton. This site was then in Botetourt County, later Bath County and finally called Pocahontas County. He came out to examine the country, and looked over the Levels and lands beyond Buckeye and around Sewall's Cove, and selected the place so long known as the Waddell Place, where the public road reaches the highest point on the mountain in passing from Buckeye to Mill Point. When he first explored the Levels all was mainly vacant or unclaimed, and he might have entered the greater part of it. He concluded that it was to level and glad, and so he preferred the lands north of Mill Point where he could be high enough to keep in the dry.

Dyer's "Index to Land Grants in West Virginia" published by M.H. Dyer, Charleston 1 Nov. 1895, listed 300 acres granted in the name of Alexander Vaddell on 10 June 1783 at Little Levels.

Alexander Vaddell and his wife were the parents of at least three sons and six daughters. To give his sons a chance to have their homes near him, the pioneer concluded to move to Ohio and settled near Gallipolis. These sons all died in Ohio, and their history is recorded in Gallia County, Ohio.

Alexander Vaddell and his wife remained in Pocahontas County until 1817, when he and his wife and younger son decided to follow his elder sons to Gallia County, Ohio. The church and school of Alexander was named for him and the sites were given by him. He was a devout Methodist, having joined the church about 1762.

On the edge of this frontier were many Indian raids which culminated in the action known as Lord Dunmore's War, and was featured by Battle of Point Pleasant. Many of the company records of these troops were lost, but it was been shown by the satisfaction of the DAR, that Alexander Vaddell fought in this battle under Capt. Arbuckle. Hardesty's History of Gallia County states that Alexander Vaddell fought in the Battle of Point Pleasant and mentions the powder horn which is said he picked up off the battlefield from a fallen Indian. Later during the Revolutionary War, Hardesty said that Alexander fought under George Washington. It is probable that he fought in the southern campaign as there were in the possession of descendants for many years a watch and whetstone which Alexander found on the battlefield at Guilford Court House.

His great ambition was to live to be 100 years of age. He died at the age of 102, 6 Sept. 1834 and was buried in the family graveyard (in Ohio) later to be known as the Holbert Graveyard, where his tombstone still bears this most appropriate inscription:

"A man that fought for liberty  
But now his soul doth rest in Paradise."

Eleanor Rausch Vaddell died 9 Oct. 1827, aged 75 years and was buried beside her husband. Her tombstone bears the following inscription, (misspelling noted)

"Oh what a striking scene  
In this cold grave appears,  
A Mortal turned to dust again  
Quit spun out at year."

Alexander and Eleanor's children,  
There may be more than these listed below:

1. John or Joseph Vaddell -
2. William Vaddell -
3. Alexander Vaddell, Jr.

4. Miriam Vaddell - married John Thompson and moved to Ohio.
5. Mary Vaddell - married Squire John Gillilan, near Mill Point. They later moved to Missouri.
6. Martha Vaddell - married John Barlow. They were the parents of ten sons and five daughters. See Barlow family history for their children.
  1. William Barlow - went west
  2. Alexander Barlow - married 23 Oct. 1830 to Mary Dillay
  3. James B. Barlow - married 23 Jan. 1839 to Jane Kealy
  4. John Barlow, Jr. - married Emily E. Johnson
  5. Amos Barlow - born                      died  
     married twice:  
     #1 - 5 Nov. 1850 to Mary Ann Moore  
     #2 - 22 Feb. 1859 to Mary Susan Poege
  6. Nathan Barlow - born 9 June 1823, died 19 Aug. 1899,  
     married twice:  
     #1 - 23 Dec. 1845
  7. Josiah Barlow - married 20 Jan. 1847 to Sarah Jane Hannah
  8. Henry Barlow - born 21 Feb. 1827, died 19 Feb. 1909,  
     married twice:  
     #1 - 30 Jan. 1855 to Rachel Cameron Hickman  
     #2 - 22 Sept. 1862 to Nancy Jane Matilda Cassell
  9. George Barlow -
  10. Andrew Barlow -
  11. Elizabeth Barlow - married 1855 to William Baxter
  12. Miriam Barlow - married 4 Sept. 1834 to Samuel Auldridge
  13. Mary Ann Barlow - married 13 Sept. 1853 to James Auldridge
  14. Rilen Barlow - died at age four
  15. unnamed, dying in infancy a few weeks old
7. Elizabeth Vaddell - married William Sharp, Jr.
  1. Mary Sharp - married David Gibson, son of David Gibson, Sr.
  2. James Sharp - married Althea Martin
  3. William Sharp - married 20 Sept. 1838 to Rachel Dilley
  4. Alexander Sharp - married 5 Nov. 1840 to Mary Dilley
  5. Jacob Sharp - married 5 Sept. 1844 to Elizabeth McNeel
  6. John Sharp - married 5 June 1845 to Sarah "Sally" Johnson
  7. Paul Sharp -
  8. Jane Sharp - married 30 Oct. 1823 to James Hanson
  9. Rebecca Sharp - married William D. Moore, son of Anron
  10. Anna Sharp - married 13 April 1832 to Alexander Stalnaker
  11. Eliza Sharp - married Warwick Stalnaker
  12. Nancy Sharp - married 26 July 1853 to Jacob Cassell, Jr.
  13. Martha Sharp - married 6 Jan. 1847 to Andrew Dilley
  14. Elizabeth Sharp - married 31 May 1838 to Hugh McLaughlin

0. Ann Vaddell - married James Sharp, son of William Sharp, Sr. James and Ann opened up a home on Cummings Creek, a part of the Huntersville homestead. The property was later owned by Joseph Louny.
  1. Mary Sharp - married William Pyles
  2. Rebecca Sharp - married 22 May 1830 to James Lewis
  3. Margat Sharp - married 19 Jan. 1832 to William Civey
  4. Martha Sharp - married 29 May 1834 to Aaron Civey
  5. Nancy Sharp - married 2 May 1843 to Robert Ryder
  6. Ann Sharp - married 9 Aug. to Levi Cackley, Jr.
  7. Rachel Sharp - married 5 Nov. to Robert Gay
  8. Lucinda Sharp - married 30 Sept. 1847 to Jonathan Jordan
  9. William Sharp - married 31 Jan. 1839 to Susan Bussard
  10. Andrew Sharp - married a Miss Bussard
  11. James Sharp - married 10 Feb. 1848 to Mary Burnside

- \*\*\* 9. Jana "Jennie" Vaddell - born 4 April 1771, married 1799 to Josiah Brown born 22 June 1777. They are buried in William Sharp Cem. They were the parents of seven daughters. See Brown family history.
- \*\*\* 1. Eleanor Brown - born 6 Aug. 1802, married 18 Oct. 1825 to Zechariah Barnett, from Lewis County, West Virginia. See Barnett family history for their children.
2. Hannah Brown - married 9 Dec. 1831 to Jacob Arbaugh
  3. Jane "Jennie" Brown - born Oct. 1805, 28 Jan. 1836 to John Friel, son of Jeremiah Friel the pioneer.
  4. Ann Brown - born 9 Dec. 1806, married 27 Dec. 1836 to James C. Courtney
  5. Martha Brown - born 14 Feb. 1808, married 14 Jan. 1836 to William Vaughn, son of Samuel Vaughn
  6. Mary Brown - born 13 April 1812, married 14 Mar. 1833 to Jacob Vaughn, and lived in Buchanan. They had fifteen children but only five lived to be grown.
  7. Miriam Brown - born 5 Aug. 1810, married twice:
    - #1 - 14 May 1829 to James Walker Twyman
    - #2 - 12 June 1838 to Thomas Nicholas

## VANDLESS/VANLESS FAMILY HISTORY

The Vandless/Vanless of Bath and Pocahontas County are descendants of Margaret Vandless. According to Lillian Craig in her book "Reverend John Craig," Margaret may have been a sister to Thomas Adams of Deerfield. Margaret married a VANDLESS in England, bore her children in New Castle-upon-Tyne, England, and in about 1772, brought her four children to America.

In 1783, Margaret married John Carlisle, a prominent local landowner along the Calpasture River. His brother Robert Carlisle owned hundreds of slaves. Margaret was well-educated for her time, and started the county's first book club. Her marriage announcement in the Virginia Gazette, on 22 Nov. 1783, describes her as "a lady endowed with every accomplishment necessary to render her marriage a happy one." She died in 1807 and is supposedly buried in Rocky Spring Cem. but no stone can be found.

In Lyman Chalkey's abstract of Court Records of Augusta County, Vol. 11, page 253, Thomas Adams' will recorded p. 99 -- 14th October 1785, to Ralph Vandless, lands where Ralph lives and to support Ralph's mother where she lives. (The three volumes of books can be found at Green Bank Public Library).

Margaret four children all born in England:

1. Margaret Vandless - married a Mr. Rice. They had one daughter, Elizabeth.
2. Mary Vandless - died before 1821, married Abel Armstrong, they settled in Jackson County, Ohio.
3. Stephen Vandless - married Catherine Gabbert. They settled in Bath Co.
- \*\*\*. RALPH VANDLESS, Sr. - born 1757 in England. He lived in the Warm Springs area, along the Calpasture between 1772 and 1810. He served as an Indian Spy in the Revolutionary War, and was at Clover Lick. See Lyman Chalkey, Vol. 11 page 468. "Ralph Vandless Declaration. 7 Aug. 1832, age 75, born in England; was drafted and served as a spy at Clover Lick; then in Augusta, now Pocahontas County under Capt. George Poage, again drafted under Capt. Buchanan and Col. Hugart.

In Lyman Chalkey Vol. 11, page 361, Ralph Vandless married 30 Sept. 1788 to Lucretia "Crispy" Nicolas. Daughter of Levan Nicholas, their last name was been found spelled different ways, Nicholas, Nicolas, and Nickolen. The minister was Rev. John Brown, pastor of New Providence in Rockbridge County, Virginia.

Ralph was a blacksmith by trade, a skill he passed on to several of his sons. In 1810 or earlier Ralph moved his family to Pocahontas County and settled on a place near Mount Tabor schoolhouse, five miles north of Huoterville on Brown's Mountain.



Ralph and Lucretia were our \_\_\_\_\_ great grandparents,  
they had 11 children:

Somewhere along the line they finally stop using the d in their last name  
so I will use Vanless for his children:

1. Elizabeth Vanless - married Thomas Hatten
  2. Margaret Vanless - born \_\_\_\_\_ died 19 April 1855, age 65  
married James Sharp
  3. Lydia Vanless - married John Vick
  4. Polly Vanless - married Samuel Moore
  5. Thomas Brown Vanless - married Julie Ann Butcher
  6. Levan Vanless - married 8 Feb. 1836 to Nancy Dilley
  7. John Vanless - married 3 July 1828 to Elizabeth Bridger
  8. James Vanless - born 1801, married Elizabeth Sharp,  
a widely known strict minister
  9. Stephen Vanless - was a blacksmith. married Mary Pauline C. Sharp
  10. Ralph Vanless, Jr. - born 1779, married twice:  
#1 - Anna Poage,  
#2 - Sarah Arbogast
- \*\*11. WILLIAM VANLESS - born 21 Aug. 1789, in Bath Co. died 25 July 1865  
in Pocahontas County. Buried in McCloud Cem. behind Cass.  
Married 8 April 1811 to NANCY WILSON, born 9 May 1795,  
died 29 Mar. 1883 or 1882, buried McCloud Cem. behind Cass.  
Their marriage bond is on record in Bath County, the person  
signing for Nancy to marry was her mother, AGNES WILSON.
- Nancy had at least one sister, Margaret Wilson who was married to  
Isaac Moore. I feel sure Nancy's father was Rev. William Wilson  
but I can't prove it right now. In "Historical Sketches" it says  
that Nancy was from Ft. Defiance, Virginia. Page 455  
It also states that William and Nancy settled on Back Alleghany.
- William and Nancy were our \_\_\_\_\_ great grandparents,  
they had at least 15 children:
1. James Vanless - born 1839
  2. Allen Vanless -
  3. Nelson Vanless -
  4. died in infancy -
  5. died in infancy -
  6. Margaret Vanless - died age 7

7. Melinda Vanless - drowned in Leatherbark Creek
8. Mary Vanless - died age 15
9. Nancy Ann Vanless - married 4 Dec. 1849 Payton Nicholas
10. Martha Vanless - married 8 Nov. 1832 Henry Nottingham
11. Eliza Vanless - born 1813, married 2 Dec. 1852  
Chester K. Moore, both buried Vanless Cem.
12. Matilda Vanless - married 12 March 1839 William Caswell
13. Rachel Vanless - married John Logan
14. Jann Vanless - married 25 Dec. 1845 David M. McLaughlin
15. ANDREW VANLESS - born 4 June 1818, died 28 Oct. 1898,  
age 80 yrs, 4 months, 24 days on Back Allegheny Mtn. He is  
buried at entrance of Vanless Cem. on Back Mountain Road  
behind Cas.

He served in Civil War, Court appointed Home Guard. I found an article at the Pocahontas County Historical Society, stating that several hundred men were to receive a medal for serving so well in the Civil War. The article was published before 1985. Andrew Vanless was listed as never receiving his medal which had been made in 1880's. Any descendant of Andrew's could pick it up before 1985... I guess that his medal is just sitting in a box with all of the others in the Museum in Charleston.

Andrew received land grants:  
215 acres in 1842 on Trout Run  
29 acres in 1852 on Waters of Greenbrier River  
865 acres in 1851 on Greenbrier Mountain

Andrew Vanless married 4 June 1840 Margaret Potts  
born 1821 in Bath County, daughter of John Potts and  
Elizabeth Dixon. Buried Vanless Cem.

Sen Potts and Creek family history -

Andrew and Margaret were sur \_\_\_\_\_ great grandparents,  
they were the parents of 6 children:

1. John W. Vanless - born 1847, married twice:  
#1 - 7 Nov. 1867 to Susan Moore  
#2 - 20 Oct. 1870 Matilda E. Maichab
2. Charles C. Vanless - born 20 July 1859,  
died 5 Nov. 1936, age 78 yrs, 3 mos., 15 days

3. Mary C. Vanless -
4. William M. Vanless - born 1844
5. Samuel H. Vanless - born 1849
- \*6. SOPHIA ALICE VANLESS - born 29 April 1857,  
died 14 April 1888, of childbirth complications  
Married 16 Oct. 1879 ANDREW THOMAS MOORE.  
They had four children, one of which was  
George Prestos Moore. See Moore family history.

## RALPH WANLESS

### MARGARET WANLESS

*And the Wanless Dynasty*

The Wanless/Wanless families of the Bath County area are descended from Margaret Wandless, who, according to Lillian Craig in her book "Reverend John Craig", may have been a sister to Thomas Adams of Deerfield. Margaret married a Wandless in England, bore her children in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England, and in about 1772, brought her children to America to live.

Margaret's children were Ralph, Stephen, Margaret, and Mary. They settled at Deerfield, on Thomas Adams' estate. In 1783, Margaret (the mother) married John Carlisle, a prominent local landowner along the Calpasture River. She was well-educated for her time, and started the county's first book club. Her marriage announcement in the *Virginia Gazette*, on Nov. 22, 1783, describes her as "a lady endowed with every accomplishment necessary to render the conjugal state happy." She died in 1807 and is supposedly buried in the Rocky Springs cemetery, but no tombstone can be found.

Her daughter Margaret married a Rice, and bore a child Elizabeth. Rice was killed in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. Margaret later married John Clayton, son of Lord Edward Clayton of London. They had several children, and lived near Deerfield in what is now known as the Clemmer Miller house, which is still inhabited by a Clayton descendant.

Mary Wandless married Abel Armstrong, who fought in the Revolutionary War. They had children, and settled eventually in Jackson County, Ohio. Membership in the DAR can be obtained by descendants of Abel Armstrong.

Stephen Wandless married Catherine Capehart (or Cabbert), daughter of John Capehart, a German. They settled in the Bath County area and had children. Many of their descendants live there today. Bath County has not been without a Stephen Wandless since about 1788.

For information about Ralph Wandless, see his story in this book. Submitted by Holly Wanless Cochran

Ralph Wandless, son of Margaret Wandless Carlisle, lived in the Warm Springs area, along the Calpasture river, between about 1772 and 1810. He served as an Indian spy in the Revolutionary War, and was at Clover Lick. In 1788, he married Lucretia (Crispy) Nicholas, and most of their children were born in Bath County. Ralph was a blacksmith by trade, a skill he passed on to several of his sons.

The eleven children of Ralph and Crispy were: William (m. Nancy Wilson of Fort Defiance), Elizabeth (m. Thomas Hatten), Margaret (m. James Sharp), Lydia (m. John Vick), Ralph Jr. (m. (1) Anna Peage and (2) Sarah Artogast), Polly (m. Samuel Moore), James (m. Elizabeth Sharp), John (m. Elizabeth Bridger), Thomas (m. Julian Butcher), and Levan (m. Nancy Dilley, daughter of Henry Dilley).

In 1810 or earlier, Ralph moved his family over the mountains to what is now Pocahontas County, West Virginia. At some point, he changed the spelling of his name to Wanless, which is how all of his descendants spell it today.

Some descendants of William and Ralph Wanless Jr. still live in Pocahontas County, West VA. Levan and Thomas both migrated to Iowa, where many of their descendants live today in the Cresco area. Later, these two brothers migrated to Oregon and Washington, and a great concentration of Wanless descendants can be found around Vancouver, WA and in western Oregon. A Wanless reunion in July, 1989, held in Vancouver, WA, drew 106 Wanlesses. All share the same Bath County ancestry and pioneer spirit that kept pushing the frontier of America westward over the past 200 years. Submitted by Holly Wanless Cochran

### THOMAS BROWN WANLESS

Thomas Brown Wandless D/19/181C 10/5/1807 of Pocahontas County, Virginia (now West Virginia), married Julia (Julia Ann) Butcher (11/10/1810-9/24/1885) on August 12, 1830. Julian was born in Bath County, Virginia. Thomas, the ninth child of Ralph Wandless, Sr., an Lucretia Nicholas, was a blacksmith by trade. His father settled on the Wandless place near Mount Tabers schoolhouse, five miles north of Huntersville.

Thomas and Julian lived in Virgin 14 years, moved to Woodstock, Illinois

# WILEY FAMILY HISTORY

Robert Wiley died about 1812, married Hester \_\_\_\_\_  
Their son Robert served as a soldier in the Dunmore War

- 1 Robert Wiley, Jr - single
2. James Wiley - married twice:  
#1 - 1802 to Agnes Crawford  
#2 - Nancy Gwin  
(descendants are Phyllis, Janie Wilfong)
3. Thomas Wiley -
4. William Wiley - married 1795 to Sarah Benson
5. Elizabeth Wiley - married \_\_\_\_\_ Gillian
6. Rebecca Wiley - married \_\_\_\_\_ Bates
7. Martha Wiley - married Joseph Carpenter. See Carpenter family history for their children.
8. Ann Wiley - married 27 Oct 1790 to John McGlaughlin.  
See McGlaughlin family history for their children.
- 9 Jane Wiley - married 1794 to Hugh McGlaughlin
- 10 Mary Wiley - married \_\_\_\_\_ died before 1812
- 11 Nancy Wiley - married \_\_\_\_\_ Kidpatrick:

## VADDELL FAMILY HISTORY

One of the pioneers of our county from whom quite a number of our people trace their descent was Alexander Vaddell. Alexander Vaddell was born in or near Glasgow, Scotland, in the month of February, 1732. We know little of the details of his early life, but we know that there were at least two other brothers, an elder brother, William and a younger brother Matthew. The Vaddells were said to be prosperous weavers of that vicinity.

Little is known of Alexander from the time of his arrival at the age of 24 years until the time of his marriage in 1771 fifteen years later. His service in the various French and Indian Wars which were waged during this period might well account for the absence of detailed records. Undoubtedly he soon found his way to the frontier where other Scotsmen were going and probably was frequently in and around the small settlement of Staunton in Augusta County, Virginia, where other Vaddells were related but the relationship to Alexander Vaddell is unknown at this time.

In the year 1771 we can imagine the household of John Adam Rausch welcoming Alexander Vaddell to their home in the Mill Creek Valley near Mt. Jackson, Virginia. They had not seen him for over a year and his news of the other settlements was warmly welcomed while the women of the house made haste to prepare the flaxen thread that the expert weaver would transform into beautiful linen. Probably the most excited was 19 year old Eleanor Rausch who had met the mature Alexander Vaddell on previous visits, then 39 years old and in the prime of life. We do not know the exact day of their marriage. Their grand daughter said it was in 1771 or 1772. It is possible that was so early as 1770. In any event about 1771 this newly married couple left the comparative safety of the Shenandoah Valley and settled in the heart of the Allegheny Mountains on the very edge of the frontier. The site of his home which was only to be moved a short distance a few years later to gain the height of Buckeye Mountain was in Pocahontas County, along the Greenbrier River, just south of Marlinton. This site was then in Botetourt County, later Bath County and finally called Pocahontas County. He came out to examine the country, and looked over the Loevels and lands beyond Buckeyes and around Sewall's Cave, and selected the place so long known as the Vaddell Place, where the public road reaches the highest point on the mountainside passing from Buckeyes to Mill Point. When he first explored the Loevels all was mainly vacant or unclaimed, and he might have entered the greater part of it. He concluded that it was too level and glady, and so he preferred the lands north of Mill Point where he could be high enough to keep in the dry.

Dyer's "Index to Land Grants in West Virginia" published by M.H. Dyer, Charleston 1 Nov. 1895, listed 300 acres granted in the name of Alexander Vaddell on 10 June 1783 at Little Loevels.

Alexander Vaddell and his wife were the parents of at least three sons and six daughters. To give his sons a chance to have their homes near him, the pioneer concluded to move to Ohio and settled near Gallipolis. These sons all died in Ohio, and their history is recorded in Gallia County, Ohio.

Alexander Vaddell and his wife remained in Pocahontas County until 1817, when he and his wife and younger son decided to follow his elder sons to Gallia County, Ohio. The church and school of Alexander was named for him and the sites were given by him. He was a devout Methodist, having

joined the church about 1762. On the edge of this frontier were many Indian raids which culminated in the action known as Lord Dunmore's War, and was featured by Battle of Point Pleasant. Many of the company records of these troops were lost, but it was been shown by the satisfaction of the DAR, that Alexander Vaddell fought in this battle under Capt. Arbuckle. Hardesty's History of Gallia County states that Alexander Vaddell fought in the Battle of Point Pleasant and mentions the powder horn which is said he picked up off the battlefield from a fallen Indian. Later during the Revolutionary War, Hardesty said that Alexander fought under George Washington. It is probable that he fought in the southern campaign as there were in the possession of descendants for many years a watch and whetstone which Alexander found on the battlefield at Guilford Court House.

His great ambition was to live to be 100 years of age. He died at the age of 102, 6 Sept. 1834 and was buried in the family graveyard (in Ohio) later to be known as the Holbert Graveyard, where his tombstone still bears this most appropriate inscription: "A man that fought for liberty But now his soul doth rest in Paradise."

Eleanor Rausch Vaddell died 9 Oct. 1827, aged 75 years and was buried beside her husband. Her tombstone bears the following inscription, (misspelling noted) "Oh what a striking scene in this cold grave appears, A Mortal turned to dust again Gilt spun out all year."

Alexander and Eleanor's children. There may be more than these listed below:

1. John or Joseph Vaddell -
2. William Vaddell -
3. Alexander Vaddell, Jr.
4. Miriam Vaddell - married John Thompson and moved to Ohio.
5. Mary Vaddell - married Squire John Gillilan, near Mill Point.
- \*\*\* 6. Martha Vaddell - married John Barlow. They were the parents of ten sons and five daughters. See Barlow family history for their children.
7. Elizabeth Vaddell - married William Sharp, Jr.
8. Ann Vaddell - married James Sharp, son of William Sharp, Sr.
9. Jane "Jennie" Vaddell - born 4 April 1771, married 1799 to Josiah Brown born 22 June 1777. They are buried in William Sharp Cem. They were the parents of seven daughters.

## KAUSCH FAMILY HISTORY

John Adam Rausch was born in Germany in 1711. He came to America in 1736. The city of his birth was Darmstadt. After coming to America he journeyed to the Shenandoah Valley. His home was near Mt. Jackson, Virginia. His wife was Susannah \_\_\_\_\_. (I found in some Grimes family history that some people think her maiden name was Schiern). They had seven sons that serve in the Revolutionary War.

The Rausch name has been found spelled different ways: Riah, Rouns, Roush.

John Adam Rausch died in 1786 and his wife died in 1796. Their is an old tombstone near Mt. Jackson, Virginia and it reads:

Aao 1711 Geboraa Johanna Rausch  
Geetorben Den 19? October 1786

There has been a saw marked placed and it reads as follows:  
1711 - John Adam Roush - 1786  
Emigrant from Darmstadt, Germany, 1736  
Early Settler of the Shenandoah Valley  
1713 - his wife, Susannah - 1796

John and Susannah were our \_\_\_\_\_ great grandparents.

Their children:

1. Philip Rausch - born 1741, died 1820, buried Cheshire, Gallia Co. Ohio
2. John Rausch - born 1743, died 1815 - buried at Point Pleasant, WV
3. Jacob Rausch - born 1746, died 1830, buried at Cheshire, Gallia Co. Ohio
4. Daniel Rausch - born 1749, died 1832, buried at Mason County, VA
- \* \* 5. Eleanor Rausch - born 1753, died 1827, married Alexander Vaddell. Both are buried in Gallia County, Ohio, See Vaddell family history
6. Mary Magdaleae Rausch Zerkle - buried at New Market, Virginia
7. George Rausch - born 1766, died 1845, buried at Veldon Cem. Racine, Ohio
8. Jonas Rausch - born 1763, buried at Glimore Cem. Syracuse, Ohio
9. Henry Rausch - born 1742, died 1831, buried at Wolfe Cem., Plante, Ohio



Thomas DeBarred at Williamsburg August 28, 1777. Detached to Belmont County, and spent six months under General Braxton's command. Was again detached and marched to James River. General Ligonier's army, marched to the Carolina under David Mays, joined the forces of William Preston, fought at the Battle of Red Bank, under Major Joseph Clay and Colonel Williams. Detached to the West, in 1783, to the West. Virginia, and died in 1813. Supporting data filed by James Webb, Catherine Anderson, Lower, and the Rev. Sheldon Porter.

## R. THOMAS

Virginia Va. No. 13394 No. S. 6339

in Orange County, Virginia, December 18, 1763. Was drafted in 1779 at the age of sixteen under Captain George, joined the army of General Madsen, engaged in a battle at Great Bridge, then marched into North Carolina, but shortly returned to Virginia; was again drafted under Captain Richard and served under General Stephens; was discharged on account of three days before the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. Served prison in Monroe County, in 1813, and was paid to 1794, 1819. Supporting data filed by Catherine Porter, James A. Webb, Madsen, and John Price.

## H. HARTLEY

in the Greenbrier County, Virginia, Court August 25, 1818. Will, aged 70, declared that he resided in Augusta County, in 1778, in company commanded by Captain John Latta in the Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel Bland and later in the Carolina Regiment. Served three years and was discharged in 1781, after taking part in the battle of Monmouth. Stony Point, and the taking of Cornwallis at Yorktown.

## GEORGE (MAY)

detached force of Berkeley County militia, in 1781. He wrote a petition that all of his company might receive for the detentions.

## Y. DAVID

Virginia Va. No. 23024 No. S. 18669

in Augusta County, Virginia, November 19, 1775. Enlisted in 1775 in Hampshire County and served two years. Applied in 1784, which was granted, but was suspended for the following reasons:

## Y. JAMES

Virginia Va. No. 16244 No. S. 6333

in Augusta County, Virginia, March 1764. Enlisted in Rockingham County, Virginia, (later Pendleton County), March 1, 1781. He was sent to an Indian war under Captain Hamilton and later to the battle of Muddy Run, and General Wayne and Nelson.

Applied for pension in Lewis County, Virginia, in 1813, which was suspended in 1816 in which he had not had sufficient military service in the Revolution to entitle him to pension under the act of June 7, 1832.

## W. ANSLEY, WILLIAM

Virginia Va. No. 15679 No. S. 2808 and B. L. W. 7159

Born in Maryland in 1759. Enlisted in 1778 or 1779 in Virginia and served two years as a private under Lieutenant Robert Gamble, and Captain Stephen Young in the Virginia Regiment under Major George Watts, or Watts, and Colonel J. Crockett under General George Rogers Clark. Pension was granted the soldier in Harrison County, Virginia, in 1833. Becomes land warrants for 200 acres was also made to him.

## W. ANESS, RALPH

Before the Pendleton County, Virginia, Court, August 2, 1812. Ralph Wansley, aged 75, testified that he was born in England and lived on the Call Point River in Augusta County, Virginia, which detached for service in the Revolutionary War. Served under Captain McCoy, then served as a private under Captain George Power at Clover Lick, now in Pendleton County, West Virginia, and also served a time at Norton, Virginia. Names Jacob Lightfoot, George Gay, and Shinn Derry as persons who could testify for him. Supporting data is filed by Gay and Derry.

## WARDSWORTH, WADSWORTH, ROBERT

Virginia Va. No. 5981 No. S. 41230

Enlisted on the South Branch of the Potomac, in March 1776 and served as a private and guard to General Washington's army. Four years under Captain Weill in the English Virginia Regiment. Took part in the engagements at Charlestown, Brandywine, and Germantown.

Received pension in Harrison County, Virginia, in 1819, at which time he was 68 years old. His children were Robert, 16 May, 13 June, 14 Rachel, 12, and Nancy, 10. Pension was discontinued in 1820 as having too much property but was renewed in 1821.

## W. ARE, NOSES

Before the Randolph County, Virginia, Court, Robert Maxwell testified that he was in the possession of Jonathan Baffington, a man of land warrant of 400 acres, started to Moses W. for his military services (Revolution). With the aid of a warrant was a bill of sale transferring land to Baffington, and that the warrant was lost when Baffington was captured by the Indians. A new copy was ordered made and approved by the court.

## WARWICK, JACOB (Leverman)

Jacob Wynne was born in 1745 in Augusta County, Virginia, and probably died on Jackson's River near Warm Springs, Bath County, Virginia, in January, 1826. He lived for seven years in Darnestown, and later in Pendleton County, Virginia. He took part in the battle of Muddy Run, and General Wayne and Nelson.

All of the Wanless brothers were industrious and skillful workers in iron, acquired from their father, who seems to have been a genius in that line of industry, so useful to the people in pioneer and later times. When Ralph Wanless, Sr., and his sons, Stephen, John, James and William wrought at the anvil and caused the primitive forest to ring with their strong and resonant striking of hammers and sledges, their business was of essential importance. In their times most of the implements used in the clearing lands, cultivating in the ground, and building houses were made by the Wanless men. In the Pioneer shops, and for years subsequently were forged axes, hoes, shovels, plows, bull grubbing hoes, pot hooks and pot hangers, kettle bales, log chains double trees, single trees, door hinges and latches, and other articles.

Toiling, rejoicing, sorrowing,  
Onward through life he goes,  
Each morning sees some task begun,  
Each evening sees it close—  
Something attempted, something done  
Has earned a night's repose.

Thanks, thanks to thee, my worthy friend,  
For the lesson thou has taught:  
Thus at the flaming forge of life  
Our fortunes must be wrought,  
Thus on the sounding anvil shaped  
Each burning deed and thought

—The Village Blacksmith

#### In Lyman Chalkey Abstracts :

Clayton et ux. vs. Carlisle—O.S. 368, N.S. 133—15th Dec. 1821, by John Clayton and wife, Margaret, who was a daughter of Margaret Carlisle, who died 1807, testate, widow of John Carlisle, who died testate. Will date 15th June 1796, and appoint John Montgomery, one of the executors. Previous to marriage with Carlisle, Margaret was a widow of \_\_\_\_\_ Wandless. At her death she left (besides oratrix), viz., Mary, wife of Abel Armstrong, which Mary is since dead; Ralph, and Stephen Wanless, of Bath. Her will was not recorded. Power of attorney, 26th Nov. 1806 by John Carlisle, of Warren County, Kentucky to James Carlisle, of Green County, to receive share of John Carlisle's estate. Letter, 1st Dec. 1797, from York County, South Carolina, from Lilius Smith to her cousin, Robert Carlisle, on the Bullpasture, near Staunton, Virginia. Margaret Carlisle's will dated 9 Feb. 1807. Granddaughter, Elizabeth Black, granddaughter Peggy Clayton; children Ralph and Stephen Wanless, Margaret Clayton, Mary Armstrong. John Lewis deposes, 18th June 1823, he has known Robert Carlisle since John was fifteen years old, which is more than forty years.

# WEST VIRGINIANS IN THE REVOLUTION

1. Thome Dubuque at Williamsburg August 26, 1777. Detached in Boone County and spent six months under General then the western front. Was again detached and marched to James Central. Loyalists army arrived to the Carolinas under David May, joined the forces of William Preston, fought at the Red Bank, joined Major Joseph Floyd and Colonel Williams, secured prison in 1834 in Logan County, Virginia, and died in 1835. Supporting data filed by Julius Webb Catherine Anderson Lowry, and the Rev. Shadon Parker.

## 1. R. THOMAS

1. R. THOMAS Va. No. 12394 No. S. 6339  
in Orange County, Virginia, December 18, 1763. Was detached in Boone County, in 1779 at the age of sixteen under Captain Foy, joined the army of General Mendenhall, inspired in a great battle, then marched into North Carolina, but shortly returned to Virginia, was again detached under Captain Richard and served under General Simpson, was discharged on account of three days before the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown.  
1. 4. 1839 Supporting data filed by Christian Peter, James A. and Stedman and John Perry.

## 1. 14 RULES

1. the Greenbrier County, Virginia Court, August 23, 1816. Wall, aged 20, declared that he enlisted in Augusta County in 1778, in company commanded by Captain John Lewis in Virginia, Regiment, commanded by Colonel Blair and Lieutenant Charles Dabney. Served three years and was discharged at a short taking part in the battle of Steamboat, Stony Point, and the taking of Germantown at Yorktown.

## 1. GEORGE (Mason)

1. detached from the Greenbrier County Regiment, in 1781. He was driven from all of his company might resist for the duration.

## 1. Y. DAVID

1. Virginia Va. No. 21024 No. S. 18669  
in Augusta County, Virginia, November 19, 1775. Enlisted in 1775 in Hampshire County, and served two years. Arrived in 1834 which was granted, but was suspended the following.

## 1. Y. JAMES

1. Virginia Va. No. 16244 No. S. 6323  
in Augusta County, Virginia, March 1764. Enlisted in Rockingham County, Virginia, (John Frederick County), March 1, 1761. Two years as an Indian spy under Captain Hamilton and Captain Gamble. Withholds and General Wayne and Nelson.

# WEST VIRGINIANS IN THE REVOLUTION

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Applied for pension in Green County, Virginia, in 1833. He was suspended in 1836 as it was held that he had not had sufficient military service in the Revolution to entitle him to pension under the act of June 7, 1832.

## WADSWORTH, WILLIAM

Settled—Virginia Va. No. 12679 No. S. 2806 and B. L. W. 7159  
Born in Maryland in 1744. Enlisted in 1776 in 1779 in Virginia and served two years as a private under Lieutenant Robert Gamble, and Captain Stephen Young in the Virginia Regiment under Major George Watts or Watts and Colonel J. Crockett under General George Rogers Clark. Pension was granted the soldier in Harrison County, Virginia, in 1833. Bounty land warrant for 200 acres was also issued to him.

## WADSWORTH, RALPH

Before the Pocahontas County, Virginia Court, August 7, 1812. Ralph Wadsworth, aged 75, testified that he was born in England and lived on the Gall River in Augusta County, Virginia, when detached for service in the Revolutionary War. Served under Captain McCoy then served as an Indian spy under Captain George Foy at Covey Lick now in Pocahontas County. Went to Virginia and also served a time at Norfolk, Virginia. Named Jacob Lightner, George Gay and Martin Diller as persons who could testify for him. Supporting data is filed by Gay and Diller.

## WARDEN, RALPH (WADSWORTH, ROBERT)

Settled—Continental Virginia Va. No. 3961 No. S. 41296  
Enlisted on the South Branch of the Potomac, in March 1776 and served as a private and guard to General Washington's army for four years under Captain Wadsworth in the Eighth Virginia Regiment. Took part in the engagement at Chancellorsville, Brandywine and Germantown.  
Received pension in Harrison County, Virginia, in 1819, at which time he was 68 years old. His Indian wife Robert 16, May 15, June 14, March 12, and Mary, 10. Pension was discontinued in 1820 as having too much property but was resumed in 1821.

## WARD, WADSWORTH

Before the Randolph County, Virginia Court, Robert Mendenhall testified that he was on the possession of Jonathan Burlington a military land warrant of 400 acres granted to Robert Wadsworth for his military service in the Revolution. With the aid of a warrant was a bill of sale transferring land to Burlington and that the said warrant was then when Burlington was captured by the Indians. A true copy was ordered made and approved by the court.

## WARDWICK, JACOB (J. WARDWICK)

Jacob Wardwick was born in 1753 in Augusta County, Virginia and probably lived on Jacksons River near Warm Springs, Bath County, Virginia in January 1826. He lived for some years at Dutchman and Cherry Lick, Pocahontas County, Virginia. He took part in the

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- ID: I2152
- Name: Nancy WILSON
- Sex: F
- Birth: 9 MAY 1795 in Augusta Co., VA
- Death: 29 MAR 1883 in Pocahontas Co., WV

Father: Robert WILSON b: UNKNOWN

Mother: Agnes OLIVER b: UNKNOWN

Marriage 1 William WANLESS b: 21 AUG 1789 in Augusta Co., VA

- Married: 18 APR 1811 in Bath Co., VA

### Children

1. Martha Patsy WANLESS b: 15 FEB 1811 in Bath Co., VA
2. Eliza WANLESS b: 24 OCT 1812 in Bath Co., VA
3. Andrew WANLESS b: ABT. 1816
4. Matilda WANLESS b: 22 JAN 1818 in Pocahontas Co., WV
5. Nelson WANLESS b: 3 MAY 1819 in Pocahontas Co., WV
6. Ralph WANLESS b: 9 SEP 1822 in Pocahontas Co., WV
7. Rachel WANLESS b: 24 APR 1824 in Pocahontas Co., WV
8. Jane WANLESS b: 15 JAN 1826 in Pocahontas Co., WV
9. Allen WANLESS b: 28 MAR 1828 in Pocahontas Co., WV
10. Mary WANLESS b: 2 FEB 1830 in Pocahontas Co., WV
11. Nancy Ann WANLESS b: 2 JAN 1832
12. Melinda WANLESS b: 26 OCT 1833 in Pocahontas Co., WV
13. James WANLESS b: 17 SEP 1838 in Pocahontas Co., WV
14. Margaret WANLESS b: 23 DEC 1838 in Pocahontas Co., WV

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• ID: I5876

• Name: William Wanless<sup>1</sup>

• Sex: M

• Birth: 21 AUG 1789 in Augusta Co, VA<sup>2 3</sup>

• Death: 26 JUL 1865 in Pocahontas Co., WV

• Burial: AFT. 26 JUL 1865 Hilltop Cemetery, Cass, Pocahontas Co., WV

• Note:

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Testee: Wanless, William,

Witness: Samuel C. Higgins

Michael Geiger

Devesee

Elizabeth Moore-daughter

Nancy T. Barlow-granddaughter

Andrew Wanless-son

James Wanless-son

John W. Logan-son in law

Patsy Nottingham-daughter

Jane McLaughlin-daughter

Nancy A. Nichols-daughter

Date 7/11/1865 Probated 10/9/1862

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6. William WANLESS was born on 21 Aug 1789 in (probably) Augusta Co, Virginia. (35) He lived between 1809 and 1865 in between Back Allegheny and Greenbrier River, near Leatherbark Creek. (36) He appeared on the census in 1820 in Bath Co, Virginia. He appeared on the census from 1830 to 1860 in Pocahontas Co, Virginia. He died on 26 Jul 1865 in Pocahontas Co, Virginia. (37) He served in the military in the War of 1812 in Virginia. (38) He was buried in Hilltop Cemetery, Cass, Pocahontas Co, WV.

He was married to Nancy WILSON (daughter of Robert WILSON and Agness "Nancy"

OLIVER) on 18 April 1811 in Bath Co, Virginia. (39) Nancy WILSON was born on 9 May 1795 in Augusta/Rockingham Co, Virginia. (40) She immigrated on 7 Mar 1807 to Knapp's Creek, Pocahontas Co, Virginia. (41) She appeared on the census from 1850 to 1880 in Pocahontas Co, Virginia. She died on 29 Mar 1883 in Pocahontas Co, WV. (42) She was buried in Hilltop Cemetery, Cass, Pocahontas Co, WV. William WANLESS and Nancy WILSON had the following children:

+35 i. Eliza WANLESS.

+36 ii. Martha "Patsy" WANLESS.

+37 iii. Andrew WANLESS.

+38 iv. Matilda WANLESS.

39 v. Nelson WANLESS was born on 3 May 1819 in Pocahontas Co, Virginia. (35) He appeared on the census from 1850 to 1860 in Pocahontas Co, Virginia. He served in the military between 13 Mar 1862 and 24 April 1864 in 10th WV Infantry. (43) (44) He died on 24 April 1864 in Pocahontas Co, Virginia; he died of fever in the war. (45) (46)

40 vi. Ralph WANLESS was born on 9 Sep 1822 in Pocahontas Co, Virginia. (47) He died on 6 Nov 1832 in Pocahontas Co, Virginia. (35)

+41 vii. Rachel WANLESS.

+42 viii. Jane WANLESS.

43 ix. Allen WANLESS was born on 28 Mar 1828 in Pocahontas Co, Virginia. (35) He died on 18 Dec 1843 in Pocahontas Co, Virginia. (48)

44 x. Mary WANLESS was born on 2 Feb 1830 in Pocahontas Co, Virginia. (35) She died on 14 Jan 1844 in Pocahontas Co, Virginia. (49)(35)

+45 xi. Nancy Ann WANLESS.

46 xii. Melinda WANLESS was born on 26 Oct 1833 in Pocahontas Co, Virginia. (35) She died in Dec 1850 in Pocahontas Co, Virginia. (50)

47 xiii. Margaret WANLESS was born on 23 Dec 1836 in Pocahontas Co, Virginia. (35) She died on 6 Feb 1844 in Pocahontas Co, Virginia. (35)

48 xiv. James W. WANLESS Jr. was born on 17 Sep 1838 in Pocahontas Co, Virginia. (35) He appeared on the census from 1850 to 1900 in Pocahontas Co, WV. He served in the military from 29 May 1861 to 22 Jun 1865 in Co. G, 31st Virginia Infantry, Green Bank, Pocahontas Co, Virginia. (51) He died on 20 Jan 1916 in Pocahontas Co, WV. (35)

He never married.





*Father:* Ralph Wanless, Sr. b: 28 MAR 1756 in New Castle, Northumberland, England


*Mother:* Lucretia Nicholas b: ABT. 1765 in VA

*Marriage 1* Nancy Wilson b: 9 MAY 1795 in Augusta/Rockingham Co, VA

- *Married:* 18 APR 1811 in Bath Co., VA

#### Children

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2.  Martha Wanless b: 16 FEB 1815 in Bath Co., VA
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11. Melinda Wanless b: 26 OCT 1833 in Pocahontas Co., WV
12. James W. Wanless, Jr. b: 17 SEP 1838




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### The Wanless/Wandless Families of England and Virginia

The Wanless or Wandless family came to Augusta Co (now Bath), VA about 1772, from Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Northumberland, England. The earliest ancestors identified so far are Ralph Wanless and his wife Margaret. Her surname probably was Wylam and she may have been a relative of Thomas Adams of Augusta Co., VA (who lived near present day Deerfield). Ralph probably was born between 1720 and 1730 in or near Newcastle. A family account states that soon after he died, his widow and children came to America. This is supported by a burial for Ralph Wandless in St. Andrew's Parish, Newcastle on 1 June 1770.

Ralph and Margaret probably were married on 4 June 1749. There is a marriage recorded in St. Andrew's Parish, Newcastle on that date for "Ralph Wandless and Margt Wylam." Margaret probably was born also between 1720 and 1730. A family account says she was born in Virginia and sent to England for schooling but no proof for this story has been found. In July 1772, she was living in Farndon, a small town near Newcastle. There she was visited by Richard Hylton, a friend or agent of Thomas Adams. Hylton wrote to Adams, who was then living in London managing family business there. This letter makes clear that Hylton was sent by Adams to help Margaret and her children get to Virginia. (This letter is part of the Adams-Massie collection at the Virginia Historical Society.) The effort probably was accomplished within the following few months although no record of Margaret's arrival in Virginia has been found. Hylton further reported that Margaret asked Adams to write her, indicating both that she was literate and that there was some sort of personal relationship between them. The Adams family is well documented in Virginia and no evidence of a close blood relationship has been found although they may have been cousins.

Ralph and Margaret (Wylam) Wanless had four children who came with her to America. (There also may have been two adult sons, Thomas and Martin who remained in Newcastle.)

+2 Ralph Wanless

+3 Stephen Wanless

4 Margaret Wanless m. first, William or John Rice about 1778. He died in the

Revolutionary War. They had one child, Elizabeth who m. James Black in 1800 in Augusta Co., VA. Margaret m. second, in 1785/86, John Clayton. They had six children. The Claytons lived first near Windy Cove and later at Hickory Dale farm near Deerfield.

5 Mary Wanless (b. before 1765, d. 1810/20), m. 1783/5 in Augusta Co., VA, Abel Armstrong, (son of Thomas and Ann Armstrong). They had five or six children. After Mary's death, Abel continued to live at Stone Ridge Farm, Lone Fountain, Augusta Co., which he had inherited from his father. About 1832, he moved to Monroe Twp., Logan Co., OH onto land acquired as a result of his service in the Revolutionary War. He died there in 1837 and is buried in Logan Cemetery.

According to family accounts, when the Wanless family arrived in Virginia, they lived with Thomas Adams at Deerfield. When her children were in their teens, Margaret married Thomas' neighbor, John Carlisle of the Calpastate River. This marriage was reported in the *Virginia Gazette* of 22 November 1783. Margaret was described as, "... a lady endowed with every accomplishment necessary to render the conjugal state happy." John Carlisle died in the summer of 1796 and soon after, Margaret's daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and John Clayton moved in with her at Hickory Dale Farm. They cared for her there until her death. Margaret (Wanless) Carlisle signed a will on 9 February 1807 and died soon after.

### The Wanless Family of Pocahontas County (2<sup>nd</sup> Generation)

2. Ralph Wanless (son of Ralph and Margaret) was born on 28 March 1756 in Newcastle, Northumberland, England. He came to Virginia with his mother and three siblings shortly after 1772. He served intermittently in the Revolutionary War in Richmond, Norfolk, and as an Indian spy at Clover Creek under George Poage. He inherited Virginia land from Thomas Adams in October 1788. According to personal property tax lists, federal censuses, and land deeds, he lived from 1794 (or earlier) until his death, along Knapp's Creek near Brown's Mountain in Bath Co., (later Pocahontas). He was a blacksmith and learned his trade from Henry Harper on Knapp's Creek. He died on 26 July 1842.

Ralph Wanless m. Lucretia (Crissey) Nichols on 20 September 1788 in Augusta Co., VA. She was b. 1765/75 and d. 1837/50, the daughter of Levan Nichols, who appears on tax lists, federal censuses and land deeds in the Knapp's Creek/Brown's Mountain area. They had the following children:

6 William Wanless (1789-1865) m. 1811 in Bath Co., VA, Nancy Wilson, daughter of Robert and Agness "Nancy" (Oliver) Wilson. They lived between the Greenbrier River and Back Allegheny Mountain. They had 14 children.

7 Margaret Wanless (1789/90-1854/60) m. 1808 in Bath Co., VA, James Sharp of Thorny Creek. They had seven children.

8 Lydia Wanless (b. c1794) m. 1810 in Bath Co., VA, John Vick/Vines/Vieh. (We know nothing further about this couple and would love to hear from somebody who does.)

9 Elizabeth Wanless (1794/97-1831/37) m. 1813 in Bath Co., VA. They moved to Jackson Co., OH. They had seven children.

10 Ralph Wanless (1799-1861) m. 1st, 1827 in Pocahontas Co., VA, Anna Poage, daughter of George Washington and Margaret "Peggy" (Rankin) Poage. They had eight children. He m. 2nd 1847 in Pocahontas, Sarah "Sally" Arbogast, daughter of Benjamin. Ralph was a blacksmith and lived on Brown's Mountain.

11 Polly Wanless (1800/03-before 1842) m. 1st, 1817 in Bath Co., VA, Samuel Moore, son of Levi. She m. 2nd, 1825 in Pocahontas, Alexander Campbell. They had no known children. (Alexander Campbell m. Rachel Buzzard in 1842.)

12 Rev. James Wanless (1801-1870/80) m. 1826 in Pocahontas Co., VA, Elizabeth Sharp, daughter of John and Margaret (Blaine) Sharp. They lived on upper Thorny Creek and had no children. James was a Methodist minister who married many Pocahontas couples. He was also a miller and held various county offices. James and Margaret adopted the three sons of his brother Stephen after the latter's death.

13 Ann Wanless (1803/5-1887) m. c1828, Reuben Matheny. Divorced or widowed by 1840. They had four children and lived in Bath, Highland, Pocahontas, Upshur, and Harrison counties.

14 Stephen Wanless (1805-1838) m. 1830 in Pocahontas Co., VA, Mary Paulina C. Sharp, daughter of William and Margaret (Nesbitt) Sharp. They had four children and lived on Back Creek near the Irvine brick house. Stephen was a blacksmith and was killed by a horse while shoeing it. His widow m. William Bradshaw in 1843.

15 John Wanless (1807-1880/84) m. 1st, 1828 in Pocahontas Co., VA, Elizabeth Bridger. He m. 2nd, 1879 in Lewis Co., WV, Elizabeth Smith. He lived on Brown's Mountain until c1838, then moved to Jackson Co., VA, back to Pocahontas, then to Upshur and finally to Lewis where his descendants live today.

16 Thomas Wanless (1810-1887) m. 1830 in Pocahontas Co., VA, Julian (Julia Ann) Butcher. They had 16 children. He was a blacksmith and they lived in Bath Co. until 1845 when with several other Bath Co. families they migrated to McHenry Co., IL. They moved in 1855 to Winneshiek Co., IA and in c1873 to Oregon.

17 Leven Wanless (1813-1901) m. 1836 in Bath Co., VA, Nancy Dilley, daughter of Henry and Margaret (Sharp) Dilley. He was a blacksmith who lived on Brown's Mountain until c1838 and then moved to Thorny Creek adjacent to Henry Dilley. In 1856, he moved to Winneshiek Co., IA and died in adjoining Howard Co., IA. They had nine children. (Thomas and Nancy are my gg-grandparents.)

#### The Wandless Family of Bath County (2nd generation)

3 Stephen Wandless (son of Ralph and Margaret) was born between 1750 and 1770 in England, probably near Newcastle. He came to Virginia with his mother and three siblings soon after July 1772. (His descendants, many of whom still live in Bath Co., consistently spelled the name "Wandless," while his brother Ralph's branch spelled it "Wanless.") On 17 July 1789, Stephen bought a plantation on Stuart's Creek in Bath Co. from Daniel and Elizabeth Monroe, next to James Blake and in 1792, bought additional adjacent land from Hugh Morrison. He was appointed a road surveyor on the Cowpasture Road to Warm Springs in 1791. In 1810, he patented 130 acres "on west side of Cowpasture river including east side of the Grape ridge joining Feemster and Bourland." When he died, Stephen owned several tracts of land on Scotchtown Draft. (I am not sure if this is the same land as the 130 acre patent, but Stephen spent his entire life in the Stuart's Creek/Scotchtown Draft area.) He appeared on the 1820 census of Bath Co., and in Bath Co. tax lists from 1791 to 1822. He died on 10 September 1826 in Bath Co.

Stephen Wandless m. Catherine Capehart (b. c1760, d. 2 August 1850), 3 May 1788 in Augusta Co. She was the daughter of John Capehart (also spelled Gebhart, Gabbert, Kephart, Capeheart, etc.) They had the following children:

18 Margaret Wanless (b. 1793/1803, d. 1838/50) m. 1818 in Bath Co., VA, James Gillaspay. James served in the War of 1812 in Smith's Tr., 81<sup>st</sup> Virginia Militia. He died in 1832 and is buried in the Wiley Cemetery near Mustoe, Highland Co., VA. Their known children were:

- a) Elizabeth (1820-1910) m. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1839 in Bath Co., John P. Wiley, son of James and Agnes (Crawford) Wiley. She m. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Francis Sheridan (I need proof of this)
- b) Emmeline (1824-1893) m. 30 May 1844, in Bath Co., VA, John Wesley Gwin (1816-1898) son of John and Margaret "Peggy" (Bradshaw) Gwin, Sr. They lived in Highland Co.
- c) Nancy J. (1830-?)
- d) Joseph (1835-?)

19 Elizabeth Wanless (b. 1794/1804 d. after 1838) m. 1827 in Bath Co., VA, James Gillaspay (a different man, not her brother-in-law, may be the son of Jacob Gillaspay). No further information.

20 Rosanna Wanless (b. 1794/1804 d. after 1838) m. 1826 in Bath Co., VA, William Gillaspay. No further information.

+21 Stephan Wandless, Jr.

22 Martha Wandless (b. c1810 d. 1840/1) m. c1828 probably in Bath Co., VA, William Ayers. They moved to Miami Co., IN c1838 where she died. They had five children. William returned with the children to Bath by 1842 where he m. 1843, Elizabeth Gillaspay (perhaps Martha's sister?). He lived on Stuarts Creek until 1855, when he moved back to IN where he died in 1890.

#### The Wandless Family of Bath County (3<sup>rd</sup> generation)

21 Stephen Wandless, Jr. (son of Stephen and Catherine) was born 6 March 1805 in Bath Co., VA. About 1828, he moved briefly to Randolph Twp., Tippecanoe Co., IN, where he appeared on the federal census of 1830. He returned to Bath by 1838 and was recorded there on the federal censuses of from 1840 to 1880, in the Stuarts Creek and Sootchown Draft area. He also owned land on Black Oak Ridge adjoining Cloverdale and on Walker's Mountain. In 1848, he provided part of the land to build the Methodist Episcopal church at Green Valley. In 1859, he served as a delegate from Bath Co., to the Democratic convention to nominate Congressmen. In 1876, Stephen deeded his Black Oak Ridge land near Green Valley to his grandson, Angus Wandless in return for lifetime care for him and his wife Rachel. Stephen died on 27 September 1881 in Bath Co.

Stephen Jr., m. 1<sup>st</sup> on 8 February 1827 in Bath Co., VA, Elizabeth Harriet Kincaid (b. 13 April 1807 d. 31 March 1850) daughter of David Kincaid. They had the following children:

107 Martha Jane Wandless (b. 1 December 1829 d. May 1805) m. 1850/70, George H. Smith. Lived in Highland Co., near Monterey. No further information.

+108 David Nelson Wandless

+109 William Clayton Wandless

110 Sarah Ann Wandless (b. 4 June 1836 d. 9 March 1850)

+111 Stephen Hamilton Wandless

Stephen Jr., m. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 26 August 1851, Rachel Marshall. She was born 7 May 1805 in Augusta Co., VA and died after 1880. They had no children.

#### The Wandless Family of Bath County (4<sup>th</sup> generation)

108 David Nelson Wandless was born 18 November 1831 in Bath Co., VA. He appeared there on federal censuses from 1850-1880. He m. 31 August 1854, Elizabeth Frances Bethel, daughter of Samuel and Martha Jane (Carter) Bethel. She was b. 2 October 1834 in Bath Co., VA and d. 4 October 1899. David d. 8 November 1894. Both are buried in Green Valley Cemetery, Bath Co. Their children were:

368 Angus Carvasso Wandless (b. 1855, m. Annie C. Keister)

369 Stephen Samuel Wandless (b. 1856 m. 1<sup>st</sup>, Ruhama Townsend, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ada Vess)

370 Martha Rachel Elizabeth Wandless (b. 1858, m. William H. H. Armstrong)

371 Dr. Henry Weitzell Wandless (b. 1860, m. 1<sup>st</sup>, Ivor Tate, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Grace K.)

372 Mary Ellis Wandless (b. 1862, m. Joseph Armstrong)

373 Harriet Ann (Annie) Wandless (b. 1864, m. William A. Mackey)

374 Virginia Grant Wandless (b. 1866, m. 1<sup>st</sup>, Brown Gillaspay, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dr. Siron)

375 John William Clayton Wandless (b. 1868, m. Emma V. Armentrout)

- 376 Ida Jane Wandless (b 1869, m 1<sup>st</sup>, Alfred Beatty, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Henry "Bud" Koister)  
 377 Laura Vista Wandless (b 1870, m Porter Armentrout)  
 378 Nola March Wandless (b 23 March 1871 d 27 June 1889)

Most of these children still have descendants living today in Bath and Augusta counties.

109 William Clayton Wandless was born 13 December 1833 in Bath co., VA. He appeared there on the federal census of 1850. Between 30 November 1855 and July 1862, he moved to Wood Co., VA. On the federal censuses of 1870-1900, he was recorded as a resident of Parkersburg, Wood Co., WV. He d. 7 March 1910 in Mineral Wells, Wood Co., WV and is buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Wood Co., in an unmarked grave.

He m. 29 November 1855 in Augusta Co., VA, Margaret Ann Guinn (b 1833/4 in VA), daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Henderson?) Guinn. (I believe this Samuel Guinn was a descendant of Joseph Guinn/Gwin son of Robert and Jean (Kincaid) Gwin and I am working on the proof of that relationship.) Margaret's family lived in Augusta near the Bath Co. line and near the Claytons, possibly on ancestral Guinn land. Sometime between her marriage in 1855 and 1860, her family moved to Wood Co., VA, where she appeared on the 1860 federal census with her family (her husband is not listed). In 1870 and 1880, however, she and her husband appear on the federal census of Parkersburg, Wood Co., WV. Margaret died between June 1885 and April 1889. They had no children but adopted several Guinn orphans who were kin to Margaret.

William m. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7 April 1889 in Wood Co., WV, Dorothy Emma Brookover (b. 27 October 1864 d. 31 March 1948). William adopted Dorothy's two sons:

- 379 Asa Lee Wandless  
 380 William Andrew Wandless

111 Stephen Hamilton Wandless was born 2 December 1840 in Bath Co., VA. He appeared on the 1850 and 1860 federal census of Bath Co. and served in Capt. Morrison's Co., 58<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry, Co. G between 1860 and 1862. He died of fever, 5 January 1862 somewhere in Virginia. Stephen m. 26 December 1860, Mary Ellen Smith (b 1845 in Rockbridge Co., VA) daughter of Henry and Angeline Smith. They had one child, b. three months after Stephen's death.

381 Martha H. Wandless b. April 1862 in Rockbridge Co., VA. She m. 1884, John A. Lackey in Rockbridge.

After Stephen's death, Mary Ellen m. 1865, James J. Ayers, son of John B. and Lucinda Ayers.

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Please contact me for details if you want the detailed sources for the above work. Thanks to the many people who provided or helped me find these sources.

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## FIRST GENERATION

1. **Ralph(?) WANLESS** was born between 1720 and 1730 in (probably) Newcastle, England.<sup>(1)</sup> He died before 1772 in (probably) Newcastle, England.<sup>(2)</sup> First name might not be Ralph. The only evidence is the fact that the presumably eldest son is named Ralph, and there is a death record in Newcastle in the right timeframe for a Ralph.

### POSSIBILITIES:

Burial in Newcastle, St. Andrew's Parish, June 1, 1770 of Ralph Wandless. [St. Andrew's Parish Register, supplied by Evelyn Huerd]

Yeoman. The term has changed meaning over time. In the 13th-15th centuries it was applied to a Knight's servants. Under the Tudors the term was widened to include the prosperous working farmers below the rank of the gentry. They worked their own land, but did not have to be freeholders. The wealth which was needed for a farmer to be judged a Yeoman by his neighbours varied from region to region and over time. During the 18th-19th centuries both Yeoman and Husbandman were gradually abandoned in favour of the all embracing 'Farmer'. [Oxford Companion to Local & Family History]

The current definition of 'Freehold' is that you hold property (land) for life, or that the land belongs to you, as opposed to being a tenant and paying rent. Men aged between 21 - 70 with freehold property worth at least 40 shillings a year could vote at local & parliamentary elections. Freeholders were also eligible for jury service and (from 1696) lists were drawn up for each parish. From 1832 addresses were also included. [Heather Faulkes email 9/11/97]

He was married to Margaret before 1756 in Newcastle, Northumberland, England.<sup>(3)</sup> Margaret was born between 1720 and 1730.<sup>(4)</sup> She lived in Jul 1772 in Farsdon, near Newcastle, Northumberland, England.<sup>(5)</sup> She immigrated after Jul 1772 to Virginia.<sup>(6)</sup> She died in 1807 in Deerfield, Augusta Co, VA.<sup>(7)</sup> She signed a will on 9 Feb 1807 in Augusta Co, VA.<sup>(8)</sup> She MAY be related to Thomas Adams of Deerfield, VA, who helped her come to VA. Maiden name not known. Presumed by some to be Adams and to be the sister of prominent Virginian Thomas Adams, as he left land to her son Ralph in his will and helped her come to VA from England. Previous to marrying Ralph Wanless, she may have been married to someone named Wiley, or this may be a corruption of her possible name Wylan (found in IGI marriage record). The IGI contains no Adams-Wylan marriage in the right timeframe in Northabl, Durham, Essex, or London.

After death of husband Wanless and coming or returning to America, she married prominent landowner John Carlisle on the Calh Pasture in Augusta Co (VA Genealogy). Marriage posted in VA Gazette 22 Nov 1783, so don't know actual marriage date except that it was earlier but probably not too much earlier. Augusta Co. Ctis. does not have marriage records pre-1785.

Have copy of her will & estate disposition among children, and letter written by Richard Hylton to Thomas Adams re getting Margaret & her children from Newcastle (England) to America in the

summer of 1772. Presumably she was a widow by that time. Husband Ralph probably died shortly before that time in Newcastle. Some of her children were apprenticed in Newcastle at that time.

Has been accepted into DAR on strength of Adams connection or perhaps on son's war service.  
(1990, Evelyn Huend)

Extended suit of Clayton vs Carlile started 15 Dec 1821. Her children and grandchildren sued the estate of Robert (Little) Carlile, one of John's executors, for the amount due them from John Carlile's will and Margaret's will. Finally settled in 1829, with payments to Wm. Clayton [grandson], Stephen Wandless [grandson], and other Wandless heirs". Details in Robert (Little) Carlile's entry.

Letters of Margaret that were owned by Dr. Henry Wandless are not in the possession of the VA Historical Society.

Possible marriage: 1749 June 4, Ralph Wanlass and Margt Wylam, St Andrews Parish, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Northumberland, England.

Note that Wylam is also a township in the Ovingham parish.

1790 census doesn't list age brackets for females. No 1800 VA census. Ralph(?) WANLESS and Margaret had the following children:



+2 i. Ralph WANLESS.



+3 ii. Stephen WANLESS.



+4 iii. Margaret WANLESS.



+5 iv. Mary WANLESS.



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## SECOND GENERATION

2. Ralph WANLESS was born on 28 Mar 1756 in Newcastle, Northumberland, England.<sup>(15)</sup> He immigrated after Jul 1772 to Virginia.<sup>(9)</sup> He served in the military between 1780 and 1783 in Augusta Co, VA.<sup>(16)</sup> He inherited land from Thomas Adams in Oct 1788 in Deerfield, Augusta Co, VA.<sup>(11)</sup> He is listed in the personal property tax lists between 1794 and 1801 in Bath Co, VA.<sup>(12)</sup> He lived between 1794 and 1842 in Knapp's Creek, Pocahontas Co, VA/WV near Huntersville.<sup>(13)</sup> He appeared on the census from 1810 to 1820 in Bath Co, VA. He appeared on the census from 1830 to 1840 in Pocahontas Co, VA. He died on 26 Jul 1842 in Pocahontas Co, VA.<sup>(14)</sup> He was buried in (probably) Pocahontas Co, VA. He was a blacksmith.<sup>(15)</sup> In the March 25, 1898 Pocahontas Times article, Price says Ralph and Stephen lived awhile in the lower Valley of VA on the Fairfax lands. About 1790 Ralph settled in The Hills near Mt Tabor and Stephen located in Bath Co. [The former area is generally thought to be the northern Shenandoah Valley in old Frederick Co, but p.258 of 1981 Poca Co History says Fairfax also made grants on Beaver Ck in Greenbrier Co about 1791.]

Note that although Ralph's brother Stephen is listed in Bath Co property tax records from 1791 through 1793, Ralph is not. Does that mean he was not in Bath Co?

### Military history:

Declaration made to court of Pocahontas County, WV on 7 Aug 1832 states that he is about 75 yrs old and was born in England. In the war (Revolutionary), he was drafted from his home on the Calpasture for 3 mos and served about half that time. He served under Captain McCoy and was discharged at Richmond. He was at Norfolk for 9 months under an unknown captain. He also served under Captain Buchanan, and under George Poage as an Indian Spy at Clover Lick. Truth of declaration is vouched for by Jacob Lightner, George Gay, and Martin Dilley.

-- As far as we can tell, no pension or land was granted as a result of this declaration. According to Chalkley, Poage qualified for Captain of Militia on 20 Nov 1767; was recommended for Captain of 2nd Battalion for the part of the Company formerly commanded by Captain Oliver, and was qualified for Captain on 20 June 1781. This might help pin down when where Ralph served...note that Thomas Adams was a Colonel in the 2nd Battalion as of Aug 1778.

Capt. John McCoy and Capt. Patrick Buchanan both served from Augusta Co in Aug 1777-1781; in June 1781, Peter Hole qualified for Capt. for the company "formerly under Capt. McCoy", part of the 2nd Battalion of the Militia. McCoy's Co was last mentioned in May 1781; there is no record in Chalkley about whether McCoy was killed or resigned. Hole's, Poage's, and Buchanan's Co's are mentioned through March 1783. [Chalkley, vol 1, p.193-194, 220] -- Note that in Chalkley, "vice" means "in replacement of".

In April 15, 1782 or 83, Patrick Buchanan resigned and was replaced by Wm. Wilson, who was recommended for Captain and qualified in June; although Chalkley Online says 1782 for dates in middle of year, dates at start and end are 1783, so I think this is 1783.

By testimony of other soldiers, Patrick Buchanan's Co was at Cowpens; at Hotwater, June 26, 1781. Of course this may not be Ralph's Captain Buchanan.

### LAND AND OTHER COURT RECORDS:

1788 Oct: Inherited piece of land, presumably near Deerfield or near Knapps Ck, when Thomas Adams died & left "the land and plantation on which he [Ralph] lives" to him in his will. No land records have been found for this piece yet, although Ralph appears to live in the Knapps Ck area by 1794 without any record of him purchasing land before then.

Not listed in Bath Co personal property tax lists 1791-1793.

1794: Bath Co 2nd District personal property tax lists - May 26, 1794 - Ralph Wanless, 1 titheable, 3 horses. Neighbors enumerated on same day: Jacob Cain, Michael Dougherty, John Dilly, Abraham Deveis, Joseph Day, John Ervin, Owen Kelly, PA John Moore, John Moore Jr, Robert Moore, Samuel Mecum, Margaret Moore (widow), Moses Moore Jr, Zephaniah Nichols, William Nichols.

1795: Bath Co personal property tax lists - July 23, 1795 - Ralph Wanless, 1 titheable, 5 horses. Neighbors enumerated on same day: Jacob Cain, Michael Dougherty, Abraham Deveis, Felix Graham [Grimes?], Moores - Robert, John Sr, Moses Jr, Levi Jr, Margaret, Moses Sr, William Nichols, George Poage Esq. Many of 1794 neighbors enumerated next day.

1796: Bath Co personal property tax lists - May 12, 1796 - Ralph Wanless, 1 titheable, 5 horses. Hard to tell about neighbors, as huge amounts of people in alphabetical groups seem to have the same date, including brother Stephen & John Clayton who lives quite a distance from Browns Mtn. Hmum.

1797: Bath Co personal property tax lists - June 10, 1797 - Ralph Wanless, 1 titheable, 5 horses. Neighbors enumerated on same day (everybody has dates this year): Josiah Brown, Joseph Brown, Joseph Carpenter (Const.), Joseph Day, Christian Dilly, Arthur Graham, Felix Graham [these 2 may be Grimes later], Wm. McCollom, Daniel McCollom, Thomas Oliver, Reubin & Wm Powel, Joel Rucker, John Sharp, William Sharp Jr, Samuel Waugh. Michael Dougherty was 6'6, most Moores were 6'7 and 6'8, but Wm Nichols was 6'30 & Jacob Cain was 6'22.

1798 Bath Co personal property tax lists - Aug 8, 1798 - Ralph Wanless, 1 titheable, 6 horses. Neighbors enumerated on same day: Jacob Cain, Michael Dougherty (8'9), Robert Gay, Richard Kain, John & Aaron Moore (8'9). Samuel Malcom, Patrick McGrath, John McCarty, Wm Nicolas has no date or is 8'2, Wm Sharp Sr.

1798: Witnessed a deed from Mary Kelly, widow of Owen Kelly, to Patrick McGrath, for land on the northwest side Knapps Creek, adjacent to Michael Dougherty. Land was granted to Owen Kelly on 1 Jan 1795. [Price says Dougherty settled on Mill Run, near Sunset. GNIS mapping system says Sunset is an extinct location on Knapps Creek, looks like about 5 miles upstream from Minnehaha Spgs. LVA Land Records database, Grants 32, page 4, has a grant to Owen Kelly, assignee of James Carson, on Jan 1, 1795 for 370 acres on the northwest side of Naps Ck adj. Michael Dougherty. Bath Co Marriages shows that Patrick McGrath md. Mary Kelly in March 1798 and Mary transferred everything to Patrick, witnessed by Michael Dougherty. Then in Nov 1801 Mary McGrath md. Samuel Young.]

1799: Bath Co personal property tax lists - July 9, 1799 - Ralph Wanless, 1 titheable, 8 horses. Neighbors enumerated on same day: Samuel Blackburn, Wm Dean, David Frum [Frame, Fromm in other lists], Hugh Henry, Andrew Sitlington, James & Wm Venable. Previous neighbors like Cain & Dougherty & Moores are all March 23 or August 22. Unless Blackburn lived elsewhere, this is down by The Wilderness plantation, near Armstrong & Deerfield. It appears as if Ralph has moved down nearer Stephen (7/20), or the taxtaker just did things in a funny order.



1799: Witnessed a deed from Aaron Moore to John Moore, inherited from Moses Moore, Sr., for land on the Greenbrier R. on Knapps Creek.

1800: Bath Co personal property tax lists - March 19, 1800 - Ralph Wandless, 1 titheable, 6 horses. Neighbors enumerated on same day: James S. Coberley, Dilleys (3/18), Arthur & Felix Grimes, Patrick McGrath & Moores (3/18), Levi & Levi Moore, Wm Nichols (3/17), George Poage Esqr., also pretty near Suttons & Jacob Gillaspie's family, who were also nearby in earlier years.

1801: Witnessed a deed from Patrick McGrath & Mary his wife to Charles Donovan for 200 acres west of Knapps Creek. [1798, 1799, and 1801 deals in Bath Deed Bks 1 & 2]

-- Bath Co Marriages says Charles Donovan md. Barbara Mackley, dau. of of John, in April 1792; surety & witness Patrick Gorman, so these folks may live around here too.]

1801 April 14: Bath Co personal property tax lists: Ralph Wandless, 1 titheable, 7 horses. Neighbors enumerated on same day: John Boothe, Abraham Dufield, David From [Franc], Robert Layne, Alec [Alice] McClintick, Robert Moore, Aron Moore, Levi Moore Jr, Wm. McClintic, Daniel McCollum, Jesse Rose, John Simwalt, Andrew & Wm Warwick. Previous neighbors (Daugherty, Nichols, Donovan, Jacob Gillaspie, Knox) were 5/7 -5/11.

1807 13 Oct: Ralph Wandless of Bath Co. bought from William & Isabella Nichols 200 acres in Bath Co. between Browns Creek, Knapps Creek, and Browns Mtn, for 180 lbs. [Bath Co. Deed Bk. 3, p. 246]

--this land was patented by William Nichols in 1806.

1821 Dec: Signed petition to form Pocahontas Co, which declares that he lives east of the Alleghenies. [1981 Poca. Co. History, p.17]

1827 12 Apr: Leaven Nichols of Kanawha Co. sold to Lucretia Wandless wife of Ralph Wandless of Pocahontas Co. 1/6 of a parcel of land in Bath Co. on Muddy Run for \$200. It is part of a tract of 245 acres that Leaven Nichols Senr. died possessed of. Recorded 8 July 1828. Bath Co. Deed Bk 7, p.270  
--This tract was patented by Leven Sr in 1793; see his entry. 1/6 would be about 40 acres.

1829 Jan 21: Indenture of bargain and sale between Ralph Wanless of Pocahontas Co, VA, on the one part, and John Wanless and Eleven Wanless of the same county and state on the other part. For the sum of \$10, Ralph sold to John & Eleven 200 acres in Pocahontas Co, between Knapps Ck and Browns Ck on Browns Mtn, with all appurtenances, "except that Ralph Wanless and Lucretia his wife is to have full and free possession of the aforesaid parcel of land during their natural lives". Witnessed by Joseph Moore, Martin Dilly, George Gay. Recorded July 4, 1829. A tiny note in the margin of the deed book next to this deed says "Del'd to John Wanless Oct 1838".

--This appears to be the land Ralph bought in 1807. [Poca. Co. Deed Bk 1, p.460; copy in land file]

1831 4 Jul: Ralph Wanless, Sr. of Pocahontas bought from William Nichols & Isabelle his wife of the same co. 1/6 of a 248 acre parcel on the Mud Run for \$1.00. [Bath Deed Bk.7, p.542]

--this parcel was patented by Levin Nichols Sr in 1793 and the original patent says "248 acres in Bath Co on the east side of Jacksons River on the Mud Run on a branch of Wards Draft". So 1/6 would be about 41 acres. Wonder if the fact that William Nichols owned 1/6 and Leaven Jr. owned 1/6 means that their father Levan Sr. left his land to 6 heirs? Maybe Crissy already has 1/6 through inheritance.

1837 8 Mar: Ralph Wandless, Sr. and Lucretia his wife of Pocahontas Co. sold to Robert McGuffin of Bath Co. 244 acres for \$50, on Muddy Run, adj. Samuel Corbett, on the east side of Muddy Run to

top of mtn. [Bath Co. Deed Bk.9,p21]

--so far, this is the only possibility for the land inherited from Adams, but it's more likely that it is the plot that belonged to Crissy's father Levan Nichols. In 1827 Ralph bought about 40 acres on Mud Run from Crissy's brother Levan, and in 1831, Ralph bought about 41 acres on Muddy Run from Crissy's brother William, but now he has 244 acres. Crissy might have another 40 acres through inheritance, but that still leaves how Ralph got 160 or 120 other acres unaccounted for. I should look at the original of this deed again for more detail. Maybe Crissy inherited the rest of the land from her siblings as they died.

Sam'l Corbett's land records at LVA online show him owning land on Mud Run on the south side of Wilson's Mtn. His son owned land adj. him on the head of Dry Run, west of Duncan Knob, also on Dry Run near Red Holes (Burnsville today). I think this sews up the location of Mud(dy) Run, but not of Wards Draft yet, and "top of the mtn" must be Warm Spgs Mtn.

1838 Oct 12: John Wanless & his wife Elizabeth & Leven (spelled Seven and Seaven) Wanless and his wife Nancy, all of Pocahontas Co, VA, sold 200 acres on Browns Mtn between Browns Ck and Knapps Ck (purchased in 1829 from their father Ralph) to Ralph Wanless. [Poca. Deed Bk 3, p.100; copy in land file]

-- I don't know if they sold the land back to their father or to their brother; I'm guessing brother because why would their father buy it back now that he's even older?

#### CENSUS:

1810 VA Census, Bath Co, p.425

1 male over 45 [Ralph]

1 female 26-45 [Crissy]

1 male 16-26 [William, at 21]

2 males 10-16 [Ralph Jr. & James, who is actually only 9 per Harry's bible]

3 males under 10 [Stephen, John, Thomas]

2 females 10-16 [Elizabeth & Lydia, because Margaret was married in 1808]

1 female under 10 [must be Polly]

no slaves

Neighbors: Levan Nichols, James Berry?, Mary Young, Ralph himself, Helen or John Grimes, James Sharp Jr., John Moore, John Sharp Sr., Nancy Wilson. Don't know if this Levan, who is over 45, is Crissy's father or brother, since both could be over 45 at this time. Based on other historical readings, all these folks live around Knapps Ck and Thorny Ck. Nancy Wilson is probably Nancy Oliver Wilson, widow of Robert Wilson who d. 1807, whose daughters married William Wanless and Isaac Moore. Mary Young is probably Mary Kelly McGrath Young; see land deed in 1798.

1820 VA, Bath Co. (roll 129, p.67)

1 male over 45 [Ralph]

1 female over 45 [Crissy]

1 female 16-26 [Polly]

3 males 10-16 [Stephen, John, Thomas]

1 males under 10 [Levan]

4 persons engaged in agriculture

Neighbors: Wm. Gay, Martin Dille, James Wandless, Charles Grimes. Sons James & William live nearby. Where is Ralph Jr. who is 21 & unmarried?

1830 VA, Pocahontas Co. (roll 199,p.94)

Ralph Wanless Sr.

1 male 70-80 [Ralph]

1 female 60-70 [Crissy]

1 or 2 males 20-30 (can't read film) [Stephen, 25 & Thomas, 20?]

1 female 15-20 [could be wife of Stephen or Thomas, who md. June and Aug; both wives would be about 20]

1 male 15-20 [Leven, 17]

-Neighbors: sons Ralph Jr, John, William, James

1840 VA, Pocahontas Co. (roll 571, p.111) assume he is the one listed with the family of Ralph Jr. as male aged 80-90 (he is 84)

He was married to Lueretia (Crisey) NICHOLS (daughter of Levan NICHOLS) on 20 Sep 1788 in Augusta Co. VA.<sup>(16)</sup> **Lueretia (Crisey) NICHOLS** was born between 1765 and 1775 in VA.<sup>(17)</sup>













She died between 1837 and 1850 in (probably) Pocahontas Co. VA.<sup>(18)</sup> 1900 census of Iowa, E.D. 110 sh. 27 says Levan's mother born in WV (would have been VA then).


1829: Bought father's land from brother Leaven (see his entry).

1837: Sold land with Ralph (see his entry).

Birth: Was over 45 in 1820 census, so had to be born before 1775. Was 26-45 in 1810 census, so must have been actually 35-45 in 1810 to be over 45 in 1820, making birth year 1765-75.

Last mentioned in 1837 land transaction (see husband's entry). Ralph WANLESS and Lueretia (Crisey) NICHOLS had the following children:

-  +6 i. William WANLESS.
-  +7 ii. Margaret WANLESS.
-  +8 iii. Lytita WANLESS.
-  +9 iv. Elizabeth WANLESS.
-  +10 v. Ralph WANLESS.
-  +11 vi. Polly WANLESS.
-  +12 vii. Rev. James WANLESS.
-  +13 viii. Ann WANLESS.
-  +14 ix. Stephen WANLESS.
-  +15 x. John WANLESS.
-  +16 xi. Thomas WANLESS.
-  +17 xii. Leven WANLESS.



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## THIRD GENERATION

6. William WANLESS was born on 21 Aug 1789 in (probably) Augusta Co., VA.<sup>(35)</sup> He lived between 1809 and 1865 in between Back Allegheny and Greenbrier River, near Leatherbark Ck.<sup>(36)</sup> He served in the military in 1812 in Virginia Militia.<sup>(37)</sup> He appeared on the census in 1820 in Bath Co., VA. He appeared on the census from 1830 to 1860 in Pocahontas Co., VA. He died on 26 Jul 1865 in Pocahontas Co., VA.<sup>(38)</sup> He was buried in Hillhop Cem, Cass, Pocahontas Co., WV. Need to get William's War of 1812 records. Widow Nancy applied for pension at Greenbank in 1883, original allowance June 1873. Units given in 1812 Veteran's book online at Sierra Home <<http://www.sierra.com/sierrahome/familytree/records/>> as WILLIAM WANDLESS 4 REGIMENT VIRGINIA MILITIA. WILLIAM WANDLESS 6 REGT (SHARP'S) VIRGINIA MILITIA WILLIAM WANLESS FLYING CAMP (MCDOWELL'S) VIRGINIA MIL. Based on other info in that database, the last one may also be known as the 5th Reg., and Joseph Guinn served in it too...

1809 10 Apr: Wm. buys from Enoch McNeal for \$350 90 acres on the west side of the Greenbrier River below Blakes on the Alleghany Mtns, first granted to Moses Moore assignee... by virtue of a land office treasury warrant #13055 issued 3 Aug 1782 and conveyed from Moses Moore to Enoch McNeal. [Bath Co. Deed Bk. 3, p.344]

1821 Dec 21: Petition that forned Pocahontas Co from Bath, Randolph, and Pendleton was passed by the VA legislature. William was a signer, as were many familiar neighbors. [1981 Poca. Co. History, p.17]

1823 4 Sep: Wm. located 25 acres south of his land. [Poca. Co. Entry Book]

1825 Oct 13: Patented 125.5 acres on the west side of the Greenbrier river on the east side of Greenbrier Mtn, adj. a survey of 1000 acres surveyed in the name of Leonard Hite, including the house and part of the improvements formerly Henry Cups. Bounds include Alex's (?) line. Surveyed May 18, 1824, by Land Ofc. Treas. Warrant #7407(?) of 117 acres dated Feb 14, 1823, and 8.5 acres by LOTW #7705 dated Apr 19, 1824. [LVA -Wanger-card 21; Grants 74, 1825-26, p.275]

1825 Oct 13: Patented 80 acres on the west side of the Greenbrier river, on the east side of the Greenbrier Mtn, adj. land of Isaak [Jacob?] Curry. Surveyed May 12, 1824 by LOTW #7407 dated Feb 14, 1823. [LVA -Wanger-card 22; Grants 74, 1825-26, p.284]

1825 Oct 13: Patented 28 acres on the west side of the Greenbrier river, on the east side of Greenbrier Mtn, adj. his own land and Jacob Curry. Surveyed May 12, 1824 by LOTW #7407 dated Feb 14, 1823. [LVA -Wanger-card 23; Grants 74, p.289]

1851 May 1: Patented 334 acres on the west side of the Greenbrier river, on Greenbrier Mtn, joining his own land, Samuel Cassel, Andrew Wanless, and a survey made for John Curry. Bounds also mention corner of Knox's survey. Surveyed Nov 24, 1849 by LOTW #17823. [LVA -Wanger-card 24; Grants 105, p.342]

1851 May 1: Patented 94 acres on the west side of the Greenbrier river, joining his own land. Bounds mention the Deaver run, Wm's 125.5 acre survey corner, "the Knox survey now his land". Surveyed Mar 4, 1850 by LOTW#17823. [1.VA -Wanger-card 25; Grants 105, p.343]

1865 11 Jul: Will written. Leaves land & possessions to wife & children, all named. [Poca. Co. Deed Bk. 3, p. 370]

1865 9 Oct: Will proved, says Wm. is deceased. This is the earliest Wanless will in Poca. Co. deed books. The only other Wanless wills are Charles C. bk. 10 pg 303, Maud bk 11 pg 263, Harry A bk 28 pg 332

Tombstone (seen by mom) says: William Wanless, b. Aug 21, 1789, d. July 26, 1865, 75 yrs, 11 mo, 5 days. Wife Nancy is next to him, and dau. Eliza Moore.

#### CENSUS:

1820 VA, Bath Co. (roll 129, p.65)

1 male 26-45 [William]

1 female 16-26 [Nancy]

2 males under 10 [Andrew, Nelson]

3 females under 10 [Eliza, Martha, Mathilda]

1 person of house engaged in agriculture [William]

Neighbors: Jacob Warwick, Thomas Haddin (3 spaces away), Isaiah Curry, Chas. Colling, Sharps, Bridgers, Waughs, and Gays

1830 VA, Pocahontas Co. (roll 199, p.93)

1 male 40-50 [William]

1 female 30-40 [Nancy]

1 female 15-20

2 males 10-15

2 females 10-15

1 male 5-10

1 female 5-10

1 male under 5

2 females under 5

Neighbors: Ralph Jr, James, John, Ralph Sr.

--don't have 1840 entry

1850 VA, Pocahontas Co. (roll 969, p. 281) Sep.10, 1850, house #283

William 60 farmer real estate value: 2,220 b. VA

Nancy 55

Eliza 37

Nelson 31 laborer

James 11 attended school this year

Nancy Nicholas 18 [William's daughter, newly married]

Mary Leonard 14 [don't know who this is!]

Samuel Plumb 24 idiotic

Frances F. Plumb 18 idiotic

Peyton Nicholas 30 house joiner [Nancy's new husband]

Preston Woodel 17 house joiner

--Ancestry of Preston Wooddell given on p.499 of 1981 Pocah. Co. History book. He was killed in the Civil War (1864) at Fisher's Hill, near Winchester, VA.

1860 VA, Pocahontas Co. (roll 1371, p.53 or 733), Dunmore P.O., 23 July 1860  
William 70 farmer, r.e.value: 3900, personal: 1030

Nancy 65

Nelson 40 farmer

Samuel See 36 laborer, idiotic

Fransina Plumb 26 idiotic

1870 -- see son James Jr's entry for remaining household members after Wm's death

He was married to Nancy WILSON (daughter of Robert WILSON and Agness "Nancy" OLIVER) on 18 Apr 1811 in Bath Co, VA.<sup>(139)</sup> Nancy WILSON was born on 9 May 1795 in Augusta/Rockingham Co, VA.<sup>(40)</sup> She immigrated on 7 Mar 1807 to Knapp's Creek, Pocahontas Co, VA.<sup>(41)</sup> She appeared on the census from 1850 to 1880 in Pocahontas Co, VA. She died on 29 Mar 1883 in Pocahontas Co, WV.<sup>(42)</sup> She was buried in Hilltop Cem, Cass, Pocahontas Co, WV. Also had 2 unnamed sons who died in infancy. [1]


Price says she was "from near Fort Defiance". Memoirs of Francis Wilson say they lived on Naked Creek and North River, which is on the Augusta/Rockingham county line, about 6 miles northeast of Fort Defiance. In 1807 they moved to live with Isaac Moore in Bath Co.

1870: Nancy lives with son James Jr; see his entry. She is 75.


1880: Same as 1870, but she is 85.


Tombstone (seen by mount) reads: Nancy Wilson Wanless, b. May 9, 1795, d. March 29, 1883, 87 yrs, 10 mo, 20 days. "Heaven Is Home". Buried next to husband and dau. Eliza Moore. William WANLESS and Nancy WILSON had the following children:

 +35 i. Eliza WANLESS,

 +36 ii. Martha "Patsy" WANLESS,

 +37 iii. Andrew WANLESS,

 +38 iv. Matilda WANLESS,

 +39 v. Nelson WANLESS was born on 3 May 1819 in Pocahontas Co, VA.<sup>(132)</sup> He appeared on the census from 1850 to 1860 in Pocahontas Co, VA. He served in the military between 13 Mar 1862 and 24 Apr 1864 in 10th WV Infantry.<sup>(41)(44)</sup> He died on 24 Apr 1864 in Pocahontas Co, VA; he died of fever in the war.<sup>(45)(46)</sup> Death date is incorrectly transcribed into or out of Harry's family bible as Jan 1821. I think this refers to an unnamed infant. Nelson actually died in the Civil War. He is also listed in land deeds as "son of William" around Civil War timeframe. Need to get details on this from Mount.

No will filed in Pocahontas Co. [per Marilyn Stroup 8/10/97 email]

1850 census: With parents in Pocahontas Co, age 31

1857: Bath Co tax rolls; 1 male > 16, 1 horse, 10 cattle

1857: Bought land from William & Nancy Wanless, 334 acres on Greenbrier Mtn. Sold 122 acres of Greenbrier Mtn. to John W. & Rachel Logan (his sister) and also sold them 94 acres of Greenbrier River land. [Pocahontas Co Grantor/Grantee index]

1858: Bath Co tax rolls; 2 males > 16, no horses, 7 cattle

1859: Bath Co tax rolls; 2 males > 16, no horses, 7 cattle

1860: Bath Co tax rolls; 2 males > 16

1860 census: With parents in Pocahontas Co, Dunmore PO, age 40.

-- why is he listed in both Bath and Pocahontas Co in 1857 and 1860? The Bath Co entry is not likely for David Nelson, as he always went by David in all the land & census records, so unless there was another Nelson we don't know about, it seems like the tax records above must be for this Nelson.

1867 Pocahontas Co. Will Book

David McLaughlin qualified to administer Nelson Wandless' estate in Jan. 1867. No record of heirs or debts paid or estate inventory mentioned.

+40 vi. **Ralph WANLESS** was born on 9 Sep 1822 in Pocahontas Co, VA. <sup>(47)</sup> He died on 6 Nov 1832 in Pocahontas Co, VA. <sup>(34)</sup>

+41 vii. **Rachel WANLESS**.

+42 viii. **Jane WANLESS**.

+43 ix. **Allen WANLESS** was born on 28 Mar 1828 in Pocahontas Co, VA. <sup>(35)</sup> He died on 18 Dec 1843 in Pocahontas Co, VA. <sup>(43)</sup> Under Deaths, the Bible page has name typed as "Ellen", presumably just a typo.

+44 x. **Mary WANLESS** was born on 2 Feb 1830 in Pocahontas Co, VA. <sup>(35)</sup> She died on 14 Jan 1844 in Pocahontas Co, VA. <sup>(40)(35)</sup>

+45 xi. **Nancy Ann WANLESS**.

+46 xii. **Melinda WANLESS** was born on 26 Oct 1833 in Pocahontas Co, VA. <sup>(35)</sup> She died in Dec 1850 in Pocahontas Co, VA. <sup>(50)</sup>

+47 xiii. **Margaret WANLESS** was born on 23 Dec 1836 in Pocahontas Co, VA. <sup>(34)</sup> She died on 6 Feb 1844 in Pocahontas Co, VA. <sup>(35)</sup>

+48 xiv. **James W. WANLESS Jr.** was born on 17 Sep 1838 in Pocahontas Co, VA. <sup>(35)</sup> He appeared on the census from 1850 to 1900 in Pocahontas Co, WV. He served in the military from 29 May 1861 to 22 Jun 1865 in 31st VA Inf., Co. G, CSA. <sup>(61)</sup> He died on 20 Jan 1916 in Pocahontas Co, WV. <sup>(25)</sup> He never married. Apparently never married.

A James W. Wanless served in the Civil War; Company G, 31st VA Infantry, CSA. Served 1861-1865. Wounded at McDowell, VA May 6, 1863. Captured at Petersburg, VA Mar 25, 1865. {1981



Poca. Co. History, p.38)

- Am pretty sure this is this James, as he's the most likely age, as he was still living in 1910.

31st VA was in Battle of Cedar Creek, October 19, 1864.  
[<http://home.earthlink.net/~tshradet/solmain.htm#31st>]

Letter from John W. Nottingham (son of Henry & Martha Wanless Nottingham) written 10 May 1864 mentions that James Wanless was wounded, hut not badly, in the recent battle that was currently raging near Spotsylvania Courthouse. [in Poits/Nottingham file]

No will filed in Pocahontas Co. [per Marilyn Stroup 8/10 97 email]

#### CENSUS:

1850 - with parents.

1857-58: In Bath Co (?1 tax lists as "James (of Will)".

1860 - with parents.

1870 WV Pocahontas Co. Meade Twp. Green Bank P.O.. 26 Aug (roll 1697, p.36) Wanless James Jr.  
31 i.e.value: 3,100 personal: 1,015

Nancy 75 [James' mother]

See or Lee, Samuel 47 works on farm, idiotic

Jackson, Naoma 12 housegirl

--Apparently James Jr. has taken over running Wm.'s farm after Wm.'s death. Neighbors: Andrew Wanless, John & Rachel Logan, John N. Wanless

--In 1860, Naoma Jackson was 2, listed with presumed mother Jane Jackson, 27, in household of Henry Higgins, #383-361, about 10 houses from James' father Wm.

1880 WV, Pocahontas Co, 1st Magisterial Dist. (roll 1411, ed 116)

James 41 head, single

Nancy 85 mother, widowed

Moore, Eliza 67 sister, widowed

See or Lee, Samuel 53 farmworker, b. WV, parents birthplace unknown

Hughes, Annie J. 42 assists in housekeeping

Neighbors: John N. Wanless, Andrew, Charles C., Jane & David McGloughlin

--In 1870, Annie Jane Hughes was 33, listed with Jane M. (63), Jacob (31), and James W. (29) in #59-62, 6 houses from John N. Wanless, about 60 farms from James Wanless.

1890 census burnt.

1900 WV, Pocahontas Co, Green Bank P.O. (roll 1769, ED 111, sh.3, line 91) June 29

James 62 b. Sept 1838, WV, single, farmer, lives alone

-- Listed under house of Ernest N. Moore, with ditto before name, hut I think they're a mistake, as entry above James also had ditto hut has a separate house number and the "head" designation.



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## FOURTH GENERATION

37. Andrew WANLESS was born on 4 Jun 1816 in Pocahontas Co, VA.<sup>(132)</sup> He lived between 1842 and 1896 in between Back Allegheny and Greenbrier River, near Leatherbark Ck.<sup>(147)</sup> He appeared on the census from 1850 to 1889 in Pocahontas Co, WV. He served in the military between 1861 and 1865 in 10th WV Infantry.<sup>(147)</sup> He died on 18 Oct 1896 in Wanless, Pocahontas Co, WV.<sup>(148)(149)</sup> He was buried in Wanless Cem, Cass, Pocahontas, Co, WV. Married by uncle James Wanless.

### LAND RECORDS:

1842 June 10: Patented 215 acres in Pocahontas Co on Trout(?) Run a western branch of the Greenbrier, adj. land of Wm. Cassel. Surveyed Aug 6, 1840 by LOTW 12,981. [LVA card catalog: Wanger-card 6; Grants 92, p.539]

1851 Jul 1: Patented 29 acres in Poca. Co. on west side of Greenbrier river, joining his residence on the east side and a survey made for Wm. Wanless of 125.5 acres on the north side. Bounds mention "the line of a survey made for Jeremiah Knox now the land of said Andrew Wanless. Surveyed Dec 31, 1849 by LOTW 17971. [LVA-Wanger-card 7; Grants 105, p.546 ]

1851 Jul 1: Patented 865 acres in Poca. Co. principally on east side of Greenbrier Mtn but including a small portion of waters of the Cheat River, joining the land of Wm. Cassel, a survey made for Jame Bruffey of 1200 acres, the land of Samuel Cassel, and a survey made for William Wanless of 334 acres. Bounds mention top of them mtn, the southeast side of the mtn on Wm Wanless' line, crossing Trout Run and a branch of Trout Run. Surveyed Apr 3, 1850 by LOTW 18217 (somewhat illeg.) [LVA-Wanger-card 8; Grants 105, p.547]

No will filed in Pocahontas Co. [per Marilyn Stroup 8/10/97 email]

### CENSUS:

1850 VA, Pocahontas Co, 47th District, house #285 (roll 969, p.281)

Andrew 35 farmer, r.e. value: 1410

Margaret 29

William M. 6 or 4 [can't read clearly]

John N. 3

Samuel H. 1 [can't read age clearly]

1860 VA, Pocahontas Co, Green Bank P.O., 23 July (p.734)

Andrew 44 farmer, r.e.value: 7225, personal: 525

Marg't 38

Wm. M. 15

John N. 13

Sam'l H. 11

Mary C. 9

Sophia A. 3

Chas. C. 11/12

Neighbors: Tallman, father Wm Wanless, Wm & Nancy Castle, Kerr, Cooper, Ginn

1870 WV, Pocahontas Co, Meade Twp, Green Bank P.O. (roll 1697, p.36), 26 Aug.  
Andrew 53 r.e. value: 6,000 personal: 1,340

Margaret 48

Mary C. 19 with parents

Samuel H. 21 " "

Sophiah A. 13 " "

Charles C. 11 " "

Maggie S. 8 1/2 with grandparents, born WV in Sept.

-- how can she be 8 months old if this is Aug & she was born last Sept? Apparently she is John N.'s daughter by Susan Moore, who died, probably in childbirth, because she's with him in 1880 census (see John N.)

Neighbors: Wm & Nancy Castle are next door, John & Rachel Logan are 3 farms away, James Wanless Jr. & mother Nancy are 4 farms away

1880 WV, Pocahontas Co, 1st Magisterial District (roll 1411, ed 116)

Andrew 64

Margaret 58

Mary C. 13 -- [dau. Mary C. should be 29 & married in June; who's this?]

Neighbors: On each side, sons John N. and Charles C.; a few houses later, brother James & mother Nancy & sister Eliza Moore; sister Jane & David McGoughlin a bit further along, and John F. near Huntersville.


1889 census of Union vets & survivors, Pocahontas Co. (M123, roll 110, ED128, p.1) Andrew Wanless [looks like rank of Lt.Col; hard to read] (U.S.), Green Bank District (no other info or rank listed)

1890 census hurt.

He was married to Margaret POTTS (daughter of John POTTS and Elizabeth DIXON) on 4 Jun 1840 in Pocahontas Co, VA. <sup>(1540)</sup> Margaret POTTS was born on 6 Oct 1821 in Bath Co, VA. <sup>(1541)(152)</sup>

She died on 12 Feb 1901 in Pocahontas Co, VA. <sup>(1543)</sup> She was buried in Wanless Cem, Cass, Pocahontas, Co, WV. Probate record of Elizabeth Potts lists dau. Margaret Wanless.

1900 census (with son Charles), age 78, says she was born in Oct. 1822. Andrew WANLESS and Margaret POTTS had the following children:

 179 i. Rachel E. WANLESS was born on 13 Jun 1841 in Pocahontas Co, VA. <sup>(1544)</sup> She died before 1850 in Pocahontas Co, VA. Not in 1850 census with parents at age 9, and no marriage record for her in Pocahontas Co where most of her siblings were married. Probably died before 1850.

Bicentennial Hist. of Bath Co. (family of Jacob Armstrong) says she married William Harrison Armstrong, but I think this is wrong -- W.H. married Rachel M.E. Wandless, dau. of David Nelson Wandless, in Bath Co. See her entry for details of how birthdates match.

 180 ii. Nancy E. WANLESS was born on 7 Feb 1843 in Pocahontas Co, VA. <sup>(1544)</sup> She died before 1850 in Pocahontas Co, VA. Not in 1850 census with parents at age 7. Probably died young.

 181 iii. William M. WANLESS was born on 6 Nov 1844 in Pocahontas Co, VA. <sup>(1544)</sup> He appeared on the census from 1850 to 1860 in Pocahontas Co, VA. He was a schoolteacher in 1868/69

in Pocahontas Co, VA. <sup>(152)</sup> CENSUS:  
1850, 1860: Listed with parents. Haven't found him after that.

1981 Poca. Co. History p.39 lists both a Wm. M. Wanless and a Moffett Wanless in the Home Guard (State Troops) of the Civil War; perhaps this Wm. M. is one of those. These are listed with Andrew, John V. (?), and Newton.

1867: Bought or received land (with siblings Samuel, John) from Andrew & Margaret Wanless: 371 acres on Allegheny Mtn, 39 acres on Greenhrier River, 125.5 acres on Greenbrier River. [Poca. Co. Granior Index] -- need details

1868-69 school year: William M. Wanless listed on the county payroll as a teacher in Pocahontas Co. Teachers not listed for later years in this book. [1981 Poca. Co. History, p.114]



+182 iv. John Newton WANLESS.



+183 v. Samuel H. WANLESS.



+184 vi. Mary Caroline WANLESS.



185 vii. **George N. WANLESS** was born on 11 Jun 1852 in Pocahontas Co, VA. <sup>(154)</sup> He died before 1860 in Pocahontas Co, VA. Not with parents in 1860 (age 8) or 1870 (age 18)]; probably died before 1860.

No will filed in Pocahontas Co. [per Marilyn Stroup 8-10-97 email]



186 viii. **Hilda A. WANLESS** was born on 22 Apr 1854 in Pocahontas Co, VA. <sup>(154)</sup> She died before 1860 in Pocahontas Co, VA. Not in 1860 census with parents at age 6, nor in 1870 census with parents at age 16. Probably died before 1860. This is probably a male named Hilda Anderson, like several other Potts and Nottingham males.



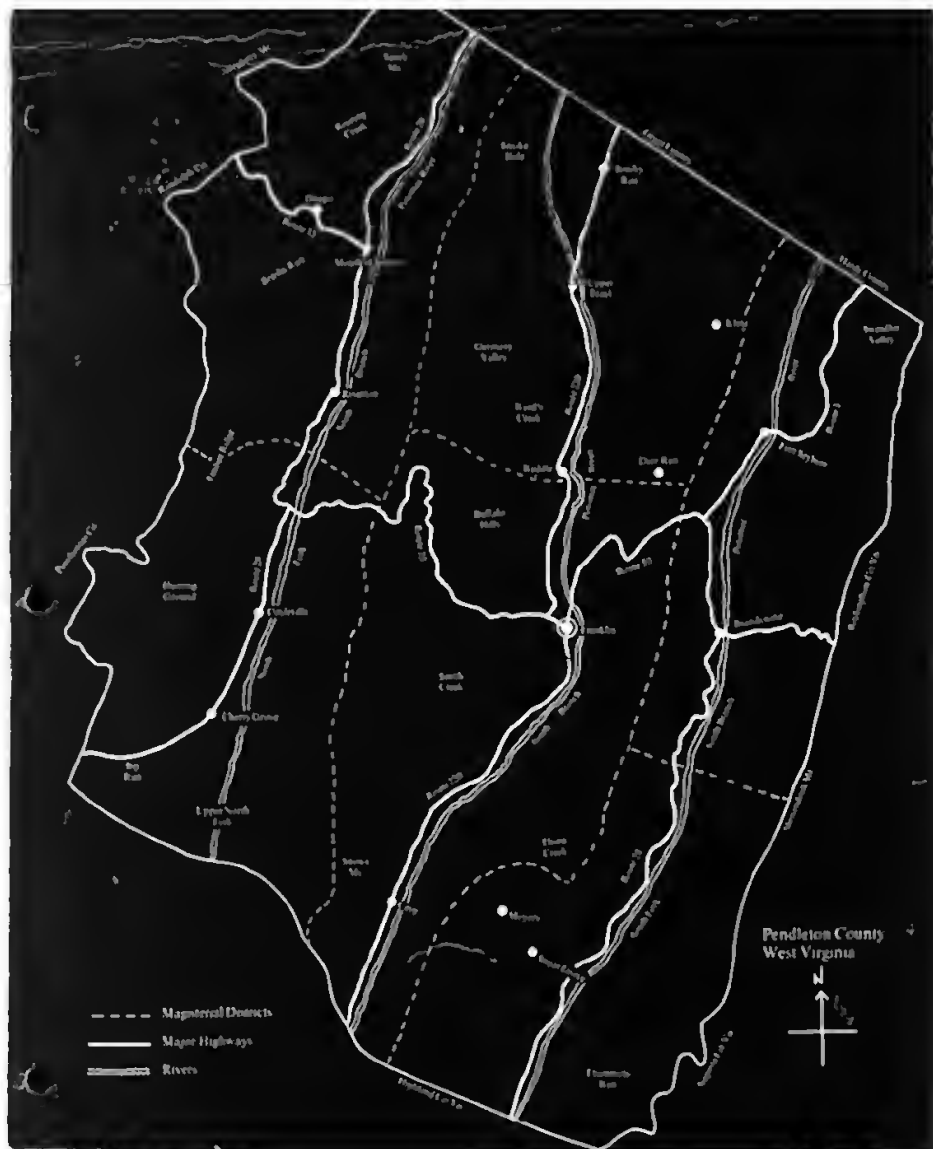
+187 ix. Sophia Allie WANLESS.



+188 x. Charles Cronan WANLESS.



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